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AT 2 P.M.

One handsome Brazilian diamond bracelet, 1 pair solitaire diamond earring, 1 beautiful ruby and diamond ring, 1 handsome diamond brooch, 1 diamond and sapphire ring, 1 fine lady's gold watch in handsome case, and several other articles of jewelry.

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AUSTRALIAN FURS, consisting of buggy, carriage and bed robes, mats, foot warmers, muffs, ladies' hand bags, satchels, slippers, etc. The above are manufactured from kangaroo, bear, wallaby, opossum and platypus skins. They are handsome furs and very durable. Inspection of all the above goods is invited.

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Canadian News.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The firm of Samson, Kennedy & Co. has formally assigned to F. B. C. Clarkson. A president of the council will be appointed for the balance of the year.

Markham, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Nancy McCone was burned to death in her home. The fire is supposed to have been caused by the upsetting of a lamp.

—Paper bags and wrapping paper; wholesale price. Johnston's, Douglas street.

NO CABINET MINISTER!!

Premier Bowell Says That Messrs. Prior and Wood Are to be Controllers.

Deputy, Subordinate Officers to the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Minister Ives Says He Will Have Full Control Over His Two Officers.

Bowell's Bold Campaign Telegram to Col. Prior Ridiculed in the East.

Ottawa, Dec. 19. (Via Seattle)—Premier Bowell's bold campaign telegram to Col. Prior is ridiculed here, but it shows the desperate course the government is taking to carry the election. In to-day's Citizen Premier Bowell contradicts his own telegram by saying that Col. Prior is to have a controller's salary, if he were to be a cabinet minister he would have a cabinet minister's salary. A minister of the Crown when spoken to by the Times correspondent regarding Bowell's dispatch, laughed, and said there was an election on in Victoria. Following is the official announcement given out by Premier Bowell himself at the time of the appointment, and taken from the World, Toronto:

"By creating Mr. Wood and Col. Prior members of the privy council, when matters affecting their departments come up at cabinet meetings they may be invited to a seat at the council board, but without a vote."

Col. Prior knows, and so does the Colonist, that the World correspondent enjoys the confidence of the premier more than any other newspaper correspondent at Ottawa.

The Gazette, Montreal, in announcing Col. Prior's appointment on the same day as the World, says: "Besides being controller of inland revenue, Col. Prior will be sworn in as a privy councillor." The Mail and Empire of the same date has exactly the same dispatch; in fact every newspaper in the Dominion that announced the appointment next morning stated that Col. Prior was a controller and not a cabinet minister, although he was to be made a privy councillor. The government's tactics now are the work of desperate men.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Premier Bowell says that Messrs. Prior and Wood are to be controllers. No one disputes the fact that they are to be big deputy ministers. The controllers are not appointed, like cabinet ministers, by the premier, but by an order-in-council, and they can be dismissed by an order-in-council. How could a man accept a seat in a cabinet which could at pleasure dismiss him from office? How could a mere officer of the government, appointed in exactly the same way as any clerk, and placed by law under a cabinet minister, be made a cabinet minister himself? Certain duties are assigned to controllers by law, and their salaries are fixed at $5000 a year.

When controllers were appointed the deputy heads of the departments were abolished and the controllers took their places. Section 4 of the act of 1887 assigns their duties. During the discussion of the bill Sir Richard Cartwright, commenting on section 4, said: "The controllers will be, therefore, practically in the position of inferior officers, sub ordinate officers, under-secretaries, or what you will, to the minister of trade and commerce. Is that the intention of the government?" Sir John Macdonald replied: "It is so."

Sir John Macdonald therefore passed the law creating controllers as inferior officers under a cabinet minister. That is the official status of a controller by law. Neither the governor-general nor the prime minister can change that status, even by calling Col. Prior a cabinet minister. A controller cannot be a cabinet minister, because there are not two classes of cabinet ministers, one inferior to the other and liable to be dismissed from office by the other, and in receipt of less salary than the other. Just as long as Premier Bowell says that Col. Prior is a controller, he places him in a position under the law which will not permit of his being a cabinet minister.

Minister Ives says he will have full control over Messrs. Prior and Wood, who are his officers, and that they will report to him, and not to the cabinet, and that they will not have any say or vote on such reports at cabinet meetings. Until such a time as the position of minister of trade and commerce is abolished this must continue.

Premier Bowell's campaign telegram to Col. Prior, in which Governor Dewdney's name figures, is published in the leading papers here, and are to the effect that Col. Prior must be in desperate straits.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Dr. Bourinot, the well known constitutional authority, says: "The controllers, while members of the government, are not members of the cabinet, who alone are responsible for the policy of the government on every public question. When once the policy of the government has been declared on any public question, it is the duty of the controllers, like all public officers, to support that policy, and neither directly nor indirectly to place any obstacle in the way of its being carried out. If they have any objection to that policy, it is their duty to immediately place their resignations in the hands of the head of their department, namely, the minister of trade and commerce, under the Canadian system. The controllers occupy the same position as do the political under secretaries in England, and are bound by any course of action upon which the government may decide."

Toronto, Dec. 20.—At the annual meeting of the Conservatives of West York, held yesterday, Clarke Wallace took advantage of the occasion to declare his position to his constituents. He briefly traversed the ground covered by his previous speeches. He condemned the government for capitulating to the French ministers when the latter went on strike, and he said it caused unprecedented scenes in parliament by compelling the premier to make a public pledge in parliament. Mr. Wallace referred to his utterance in his 12th of July speech, and said he had shown Premier Bowell what he had proposed saying, offering to resign if Sir Mackenzie Bowell had any objection, but the latter said it was not necessary, and did not object to the utterances.

Mr. Wallace said he hoped an agreement would have been effected by which Manitoba, without making a concession in principle, would make an arrangement by which an hour, say from three to four, would be set apart for the Catholics, and that the children could be instructed by their own ministers during that hour, but the bond of the government had been given and would be exacted to the last letter.

A resolution was passed endorsing the government's fiscal policy and warmly approving of the course of Mr. Clarke Wallace on the school question. E. E. Shepherd and Col. Tyrwhitt, M. P., spoke endorsing Mr. Wallace's course. Mr. Tyrwhitt protest against any attempt to read Mr. Wallace out of the party. He also attacked Mr. Ouimet rather warmly and spoke disparagingly of his course in the Northwest during the rebellion. Dr. Beatty Nesbitt, a prominent Conservative worker in Toronto, spoke approvingly of Mr. Wallace's course.

THE CAMPAIGN!

A joint meeting of the Executive Committees of the Liberal Association and the Young Men's Liberal Club and all active supporters of Mr. Templeman will be held this evening at 8 o'clock, at Central Committee Room, 42 Broad Street.

Business: CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION

GUNNING WITHOUT A LICENSE.

Opinion of International Law by Professor Wolsey, of Yale.

New Haven, Dec. 20.—Prof. Theodore S. Wolsey, who holds the chair of international law in the Yale law college, speaking to-day on the President's message on the Venezuelan dispute, said:

"The President has been ill advised. When he says the dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela is dangerous to our national safety, he says what everybody knows to be ridiculous. The President emphasizes unduly a single phrase of the Monroe doctrine, without taking into account the special circumstances which the Monroe doctrine was intended to meet. In the whole matter the Monroe doctrine should be kept out of sight as inapplicable and the question should be argued on the grounds of national policy. The President finds his offer of arbitration declined. He now announces himself as a mediator. But the mediator known to international law must be accepted by both parties, who are else free to reject his decision. In this case neither party made the President a mediator, and he announces his intention to enforce a decision. He is therefore not a mediator, but a dictator. Compulsory mediation in this case is as much out of place as would have been a similar proposition in our northwest and northeast boundary dispute."

Prof. Wolsey said he regarded England's refusal of arbitration as a mistake. Referring to the message of the President, he said: "The President has gone gunning without taking out a gun license."

PIPING TIME OF PEACE.

The Little War Steam Has Cooled Off—The Commission Bill Will Pass.

The United States Jingo Senators Were Howling Over Their Gold Mines.

Ambassador at Paris Indulges in a Little Nonsense—European Opinions.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Just before noon the foreign relations committee of the senate, which has under consideration the commission bill suggested by the President, adjourned and a virtual agreement was reached as to what should be done. The bill, with some amendments, will probably pass to-day. The time limit suggested by Senator Lodge will not be acceptable to the house, and will not be pressed. An amendment providing in effect for the confirmation of the commission by the senate, will be agreed to and accepted by the house. An amendment is also to be made that the investigation shall be to ascertain the facts, not to determine the boundary line, as the bill now provides. The committee also agreed to recommend that the commission should consist of three persons, and that the section of the revised statutes, which provides that no person shall draw two salaries from the government, shall not apply to these appointments. This last amendment is intended to permit the appointment of persons now holding positions under the government as members of the commission.

Senator Gorman, chairman of the Democratic caucus, says there seems to be no doubt now that the bill for the Venezuelan boundary commission will be passed with the amendments suggested. If this is done there will probably be an adjournment to-day.

Senator Allen says he will not object to the passage of the Venezuelan commission bill to-day, and it will no doubt pass.

Reports were current yesterday, due largely to the excited state of public feeling, and to the prior attack on Hitt in the house by Mr. Barrett, that the recall of Ambassador Bayard was imminent. Private Secretary Thurber, when asked about them, made an absolute denial, adding that recall was not anticipated. At the British embassy the belief was expressed that the rumors were untrue. It is believed here that the President would not at this time make any change in the embassy to Great Britain, for it could not but aggravate the present situation.

New York, Dec. 20.—A number of business men, said to be opposed to Mr. Cleveland's Venezuelan position, are circulating the following, addressed to the president of the New York chamber of commerce: "The undersigned members of the chamber of commerce respectfully request you to call a special meeting of the chamber at an early date for the purpose of considering the Venezuelan question."

London, Dec. 20.—The Vienna correspondent of the Chronicle says that the Neue Freie Presse learns that an American syndicate, comprising all the leading senators and financiers, obtained in February a valuable concession of gold mining lands in Venezuela.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—The Russian papers generally discuss the Venezuelan question, and express the belief that it will have a pacific issue. The Novosti considers the position assumed by the United States is in conflict with the interests of the whole of Europe and that the mediation of certain European powers and a peaceful settlement would therefore be opportune.

Paris, Dec. 20.—The secretary of the United States embassy here, Mr. Henry Vignaud, in an interview to-day is quoted as saying: "The United States cannot permit any nation to forcibly annex any American territory. It is certain that the United States will yield nothing, and Great Britain has everything to lose in case of war, for war means that Canada will enter the federation of the United States, and that English trade will be destroyed within a month after the outbreak of hostilities. A few shells thrown into an open port will cost England dear, and would be the ruin of her colonial empire."

Sir Charles Dilke, the well known English member of parliament, now in this city, is quoted as approving of the attitude of Lord Salisbury on the Venezuelan question, and considers arbitration impossible. He is said, however, to have stated that an outbreak would be too deplorable to consider, and added that while the conquest of Canada by the United States is possible, it would be at the cost of sacrifices similar to those of the war of secession.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Senator Morgan has obtained unanimous consent for the consideration of the Venezuelan commission bill, and it was read to-day. It provides that a sum of $1000,000, or as much more thereof as may necessary, be appropriated for expenses. The commission will consent to three members, to be nominated by the President, to investigate and report to him the facts in regard to the divisional line between the republic of Venezuela and British Guinea.

THE FIGHT IS BEGUN.

Mr. William Templeman Chosen by Large Meeting to Bear the Liberal Banner.

The First Gun Fired at a Rousing Gathering in Philharmonic Hall Last Night.

British Columbia Wants Straight Cabinet Representation Without Any Quibble.

Provincial Rights—No Coercion—Hands Off Manitoba—Non-Sectarian Schools.

The Platform of the Liberal Party Proclaimed and Accepted Last Night.

Resolved: That this meeting ratify the action of the executive of the Liberal Association in selecting Mr. William Templeman to contest the coming bye-election in the interests of the Liberal party.

The above explains the stand taken by the Liberals of Victoria last evening at a meeting held in Philarmonic hall, which was more than well-filled by some of the opposition, who braved a most inclement night to be present and assert their disapprobation of the course and policy of the Dominion government.

The vote was a standing one and it was passed without a dissenting voice, and amid the utmost enthusiasm. Nothing could exceed the feeling of unanimity that there should be a contest, and that the issues surrounding that contest were of the most momentous nature. It was fully apparent to an observer that the great body of Liberals, and a large number of Conservatives also, understood the nature of the deception that has been attempted, and that there was a strong current of indignation over it in view of the long list of indignities, insults and neglect that have been heaped upon this province by the Conservative administration.

President George Riley occupied the chair, and there were also on the platform Hon. Senator McInnes, Hon. A. N. Richards, Q. C., Ernest V. Bodwell, Alderman Macmillan, Dr. Milne, A. H. Scaife, William Templeman, John Grant, and other prominent Liberals.

The president, Mr. George Riley, detailed the circumstances leading up to the present meeting. At the first intimation of Mr. Prior's re-election through the acceptance of this position of controller, there had been a meeting of the Liberals to discuss the situation. There was a meeting of the executives of both Liberal clubs at which it was unanimously decided, after all things had been considered, to contest the election. He would therefore ask the secretary to read the resolution embodying that decision.

Mr. Bethune, secretary of the Liberal club, then read the resolution, which was received with continued applause.

Hon. Senator McInnes deemed it an occasion of great pleasure that we are going to have a fight in Victoria at the present time, not merely because he liked fighting on general principles, but because the Liberals here have been longing for years to get at the common foe, the present Dominion government. As far as the cause of this election is concerned, he might say that he was in full accord with it, if carried out in its entirety, namely cabinet representation, but notwithstanding all the messages that had been sent, or purported to have been sent by the premier to Lieutenant-Government Dewdney, the senator had to confess that there was a good deal that was suspicious about them (applause); and he was compelled to the belief, in view of all the facts, that Col. Prior has been offered only a subordinate position, and one that does not and cannot entitle him to what we have been fighting for, namely cabinet representation in the Dominion government. (Applause.) That was the view he took on Tuesday evening last from a general knowledge of the circumstances; but since then he had been able to give the matter further consideration and he was now fully of opinion that, unless Col. Prior is made a minister out and out, or until special legislation is passed making controllers cabinet ministers, the position now offered does not carry with it cabinet representation. The senator quoted from Dr. Bourinot's work "How Canada is Governed," the section dealing with controllers, which reads as follows:—

In 1892 a step was taken in the direction of the English practice of having ministers with seats in parliament, but not in the cabinet. At the present time there is a controller of customs in charge of the department of customs, and a controller of inland revenue, acting under the general instructions of the minister of trade and commerce. These ministers go out of office when the government of which they form a portion are defeated at a general election or in parliament. A solicitor-general, who is assistant attorney-general of Canada, has also a seat in parliament and is in the same political position as the two controllers. These three ministers are by royal authority styled "honorable" during their term of office. Privy councillors, whether in or out of the cabinet, have always a right to bear this title.

It is absurd to say that such a position carries with it that of a full-fledged cabinet minister. The contention which Col. Prior and his friends are endeavoring to commit the premier to is that two subordinate officers shall be equal to the head of the department from whom they take their instructions. (Applause.)

The senator also created some amusement by pointing out the vague wording of the dispatch to the Colonist yesterday morning quoting Sir Mackenzie Bowell as stating that Messrs. Wood and Prior WILL BE cabinet ministers, but when? It could not be till they were given independent portfolios, made ministers without portfolios or by special legislation, and he could promise them that the eastern provinces would not tolerate any further increase of the cabinet. It is large enough already.

As far as the question of the expediency of bringing a candidate into the field is concerned, the senator was in favor of it. (Hear, hear.) British Columbia and Victoria never had a better or more favorable opportunity of making herself heard than at the present time, brought about by this little bribe, to one of its representatives, of a sub-position that had become so distasteful and obnoxious to the former holder that he was forced to retire. (Hear, hear.) But there is another question to be considered, and it is also brought before us through the same cause, and that is the decision to coerce Manitoba. (Hear, hear.) He would ask all liberty-loving citizens if they would return a man whose views were in accord with the decision to coerce our sister province, the young and prosperous province of Manitoba. (Never.) He knew what the answer would be, but if we return a man like Col. Prior, who is in accord with that policy, we are saying to the present government that we approve of the coercing of Manitoba, and we may be visited with the same treatment at any time ourselves when the government cares to apply the remedy to us. There is no telling to what extent this evil may not spread if they are successful in carrying it out now. He believed that, if this remedial legislation is passed, and there is an attempt to coerce Manitoba by its enforcement, it would be the beginning of the dismemberment of the Dominion. (Hear, hear.) But then, supposing they do carry remedial legislation, how are they going to enforce it? The government have no power of enforcing it. He would say, though a law-abiding citizen, that there are certain laws which, unless they are upheld by a certain moral sentiment, cannot be enforced, but are dead letters. (Applause.) As has been said by our grand and noble leader, Hon. Mr. Laurier (cheers) this school question is one which never should have been brought into politics. The senator did not like to say anything harsh or disrespectful of the dead, but he was bound to say that the source whence the greater portion of this trouble emanated was in Sir John Thompson's failure to disallow the Act when it was first passed by the Manitoba legislature; and its becoming a political issue, used for political purposes, is to the shame of those who made it so. Mr. Laurier was from the first in favor of an investigation of all the facts, but the government would not consent to that, and they have made it an issue, an issue which will be fought out in this election.

In conclusion the senator expressed himself strongly in favor of contesting this election, and he was very much disappointed in the spirit and courage of the Liberals if they were not of the same mind. (Cheers.)

Hon. A. N. Richards, Q. C., was given the hearty reception always accorded to an old and well tried friend. He was for a fight; not because Col. Prior is, or is supposed to be a cabinet minister, but because the Liberals oppose the policy of the present government on principle. (Cheers.) They were not fighting Mr. Prior individually. Many of those present knew him and liked him first rate personally, but they did not like the policy of the government he supports. (Applause.) It did not matter whether he came as a cabinet minister or as a subordinate. The duty of the present meeting was to decide whether there should be a contest, and Mr. Richards was of the opinion there would be. (Applause.) It might be said that Col. Prior is a minister and we must not oppose him, as that is what we have been contending for; but if that reasoning holds good now, he will come back at the general election, and we must not oppose him then for the same reason. (Laughter.) The question would be, when should we oppose him. Some people might think it was wrong to give opposition to Mr. Prior because he got this appointment, as it would, probably, do a great deal of good. Such thoughts were unworthy of the Reform party (applause) if any such thoughts existed. It was all nonsense; we oppose the policy of the government, and we must fight them. The hon. gentleman instanced a case in his own experience in 1883, when, although he was beaten, he did not think he had done wrong. Suppose, on the other hand, that Dr. Milne or Mr. Templeman are returned at the general election with all the Liberals, and one of them is appointed to office. Would not the other side oppose that man when he came back for re-election? Of course they would, tooth and nail.

Ald. Macmillan, who was warmly received, believed it was the duty of the Liberals to look, not for the advancement of the individual, but for the triumph of the principle. (Hear, hear.) Not to try to enrich one man of the party or to gain honor for him, but to strive for such legislation, such relief from iniquitous legislation, as would be to the benefit of the people at large. (Hear, hear.) He did not care a snap of the fingers whether the members of the cabinet lived in Victoria or Montreal so long as they give us the best legislation on the trade and school questions and the redistribution of the constituencies. (Aplause). It is our duty this time, he thought, to make a fight. Of course it was necessary to take all the circumstances into consideration; there was the close approach of the general elections; this, too, is only a bye-election, and the government will be able to concentrate more energy upon it than they will be in the general election. This sop given to Col. Prior puts $5000 a year in his pocket but not a cent in the postoffice employes' pockets, and it doesn't do the province a bit of good. What we want is men who will give us the God-given right to trade with whom we like; who will relieve us from the domination of the C. P. R.; from the power of the eastern manufacturers who keep up a fund, with money taken from the people, to elect corrupt men to a corrupt administration. (Cheers.) Perhaps the chances are that we shall not be able to carry this constituency ("We will"), but if we fight we will give them a tussle for it. (Cheers.)

Mr. Macmillan believed that the school question arose, not with Manitoba, but in Lower Canada in the old days, when the Protestant minority asked for and obtained separate schools, and he believed that the question would not be settled at this election, nor yet at the general election, but when it came to be dealt with as a national, a Dominion matter, and when that day comes he would favor whatever the Liberal party does for the establishment of free, non-sectarian public schools. (Cheers.) He would give every man the right to say how his children should be instructed in religious matters, but if a man wishes such instruction, it should be seen that he pays for it himself, and that no public money is taken for the dissemination of any particular religious belief. (Cheers.) Col. Prior may say he will have no half measures, but there are men in Manitoba who have not yet learned to yield to far better men than Col. Prior. (Cheers.) The people must not think that if Col. Prior goes to Ottawa and assists in passing remedial legislation, it will have any serious effect, because it can never be enforced. In conclusion he advocated making a proper fight in this contest, win or lose. (Cheers.)

Mr. John Grant's reception was an echo from the old days when election contests in Victoria were warm and the blows heavy. He was given a regular old time reception. With respect to the Manitoba school question, he, with Senator McInnes, attributed a great deal of the trouble now being experienced to the action, or rather want of action, of the late Sir John Thompson, who had the power to disallow it.

Speaking of the telegram from Premier Bowell to Mr. Prior, it would be seen, he said, that they were capable of more than one construction, but what puzzled Mr. Grant was the fact that the Conservative papers in the east take the view that Col. Prior is to occupy a subordinate position, unless special legislation is brought in to make it otherwise, or the government comes out flat-footed and offers him a straight portfolio, or a seat in the cabinet without a portfolio. It is absolutely certain that he cannot be controller and cabinet minister at the same time. Being merely a privy councillor gave him no voice in framing the policy of the government. The whole thing was simply a sop. It looked like giving a toy to a child to keep the child from crying; or throwing a bone to a dog to stop its howling. Are the people of British Columbia children? they certainly are not dogs; and it is scarcely likely that they will accept such treatment in either case. (Cheers.) We in this province have been treated in the most thievish, shameful manner; there is not another province in the Dominion that has been treated like this. When the time comes, Mr. Grant would be prepared to show, in facts and figures, what British Columbia contributed to the Dominion treasury and what she received in return, and he would prove that that return was less than one-quarter of what was given. She is robbed in both ways, in a direct manner, contributing to the treasury of the Dominion; and indirectly by virtue of the National Policy. (Hear, hear.)

Speaking of the advisability of having a contest, he was ready to fight and fight hard, if the meeting wished it, to bring about a victory for the Liberal party at this juncture. (Cheers.) He was satisfied that a larger vote would be polled at the coming contest than at the general election. There was no doubt a certain sentiment in favor of Col. Prior on account of what is conceived by some to be a cabinet membership, but the only one who reaps any benefit from that is Col. Prior, who is to receive $5000 a year. He did not want to belittle Col. Prior personally; he (Mr. Grant) was simply opposed to the principle of the government which Col. Prior supports, and as a supporter of that government he is to that extent responsible for its acts. (Applause.) The Liberals certainly must contest this election. (Cheers.)

Mr. Scaife moved the resolution set out above, and which was carried as soon as read, judging by the spontaneous outburst of applause which greeted its reading.

It seemed to him as if a red herring had been drawn across the track. The main point to be considered is the general policy of the Dominion government, and it does not much matter whether we have got cabinet representation if we haven't got a great deal more than that. Whether Col. Prior is or is not a cabinet minister no one seems to know so far, but the general consensus of opinion is that he is not. The telegrams were open to more than one construction. However, the electorate must not lose sight of the great principles of the government of the country. Every one in the hall knows that if the Liberals have to fight they will put up a good one (applause), and there was no one in the local Liberal ranks they would sooner see carry the party's banner than William Templeman. (Cheers.)

Dr. Milne, who came forward to second the resolution, was greeted with a rousing cheer. He explained his reasons for moving at the meeting of the executive committee that Mr. Templeman be requested to stand for the constituency. That gentleman, he said, had been a candidate at the last general election; he had been associated with the fight of the Liberal party ever since he came to Victoria, and, it might be said, was daily advocating in his newspaper the principles of the Liberals. Therefore, he was more entitled than any one else to contest the election. (Applause.)

As to the school question, legislation will be brought up on the subject at the coming session, and if the Liberals of Victoria do not now give an expression of opinion on it when the opportunity offers, it will be equal to telling the people in the east that we approve of the course intended to be followed by the government. There are not many constituencies throughout the Dominion that have the opportunity that British Columbia has at this juncture, and it was advisable that the Liberals speak their mind. (Applause.) The Liberals were not in favor of coercing Manitoba (applause); the leader, Hon. Mr. Laurier (cheers), has distinctly affirmed this in Quebec, in Ontario and elsewhere; he has the same opinion to give everywhere. (Applause.) Mr. Tarte, another French Liberal, was of the same view. But then, as was pointed out, if the Conservatives pass remedial legislation is it to be supposed that they are going to send a regiment of soldiers up to enforce it. (Laughter.) They cannot coerce Manitoba.

As to the position offered Co. Prior, the other side, in addition to other slips, had let the secret out in one sense. Col. Prior is to get only $5000 a year. If he were to be a minister he would get $7000 (applause); in fact, as Webster puts it, he is merely a man who checks over and certifies to accounts. (Laughter) Should Mr. Templeman accept the nomination, Dr. Milne was sure that every one would enter heartily into the contest to ensure his election. (Cheers.)

Mr. Bodwell, who was also given a royal reception, thought this was an occasion when history repeated itself. It appeared to him that the Liberals had been the first to perceive the actual necessity of the country; they always had the courage to advocate, through good and evil report, the reforms which they considered necessary, for and beneficial to the country; but just when it became apparent that the results of those efforts must come about, the Conservative party always deemed it proper to come over and claim as their own creation the work of the Liberals. (Laughter.) He was forcibly reminded of this by present events. It was Mr. Templeman who, at the Liberal convention, had brought up the question of cabinet representation for this province, and Mr. Bodwell believed that that was the first time that the subject has been passed upon in public meeting here, and yet the Conservative party are claiming it as their own idea. (Laughter.) Mr. Bodwell was of opinion that it was not only fair, but it was British Columbia's just right to have cabinet representation, and he believed that the idea placed before the people on the occasion referred to was that British Columbia should have a voice in framing the policy of the government and managing the affairs of the country. This was not what was granted in the office given to Col. Prior, and it was not what the people wanted. (Applause.) While he had nothing to say personally against Col. Prior, having a warm feeling of friendship for him as a friend and a gentleman, still Mr. Bodwell believed that the party represented by the Colonel was not acting in the best interests of the country (applause), and if we are going to have a member at Ottawa, we cannot do better than send Mr. Templeman there. (Cheers.) Mr. Bodwell paid a warm tribute to Mr. Templeman' unfailing fidelity to the party, and dwelt upon the importance of intelligently exercising the rights of citizenship on this occasion, so to endeavor to bring about that which is the best policy for the country. This is not a time for considering small matters; it is a time for handling great questions, for

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San Francisco, Dec. 20.—More trouble is in progress on the revenue cutter Bear. When Capt. Healy was suspended, pending the investigation of the charges of unofficerlike conduct made against him, the command of the Bear was temporarily given to Lieut. Buhner, who was considered a popular and capable officer. The subordinate officers of the Bear to-day admitted that several days ago they had forwarded to Washington City charges against Lieut. Buhner, but no officer would state the nature of these charges. Lieuts. Daniels and and Dorry, of the Bear, who filed the charges against Capt. Healy, have themselves been charged by the crew and petty officers with sleeping on watch and neglect of duty.

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Victoria, B.C., March 20th, 1895.

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Victoria, B.C., August 1st, 1895.

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seriously considering them. He thought the people of Victoria are in a mood to express their opinion as to what was the best policy for the country, and he felt that that policy was the one advocated by the Liberal party. (Cheers.) Speaking for himself, Mr. Bodwell felt that he should not be engaging in any political contest, but he had a thorough, deep-seated conviction that we in this province are destined to be part of one of the finest countries in the world, and all knew that from the beginning of that prosperity on which we are about to enter, the only hope of its development is that we should be well and wisely and honestly governed (cheers) by men who earnestly have the interest of the country at heart. He believed that the leader and managers of the Liberal party are working in the best interests of the country (applause); he believed that the policy they advocated is destined to work out the greatest good to the Dominion at large, but especially to the province of British Columbia. (Applause.) He also believed that the present fiscal policy of the Conservative party is not calculated to advance the interests of this province. Charity begins at home, and our first duty is to ourselves, and although he would not favor any movement for the separation of the provinces, or vote for anything injurious to the Dominion, he believed that where there is no influence in a measure bringing injury to the Dominion, we should vote first for that which benefits British Columbia. He believed that the people realized the point now that the policy of the Conservative party is not the policy to benefit British Columbia. (Applause.) Everyone must understand that there are no personalities in this contest. The electors are not called upon to vote for Mr. Templeman or Col. Prior, but upon the policy of the Dominion government; and with that thought in mind, it is a subject for congratulation that the Liberals are bringing out as a candidate to support those principles of the Liberal party, a man who is entitled to the highest regard and respect (cheers); a gentleman who has fought the battle of the Liberal party uniformly and honestly in this city and who, if we should elect him, will be a creditable representative of our ideas in the Dominion house. (Great cheering.)

The resolution was then put and carried on a solid standing vote.

Mr. Templeman was then called for and he came forward amid a storm of applause which lasted for some moments. He explained his position, and what he had taken into consideration with reference to this bye-election. It was his feeling that if the opposition wanted a contest at this juncture, they must manifest their desire in a broader and more general way than could be done at a meeting of the Liberal Association executive. That body seemed scarcely representative enough to decide a question of such importance to the Liberal party. He was free to confess that he entertained for the last few days, and possibly up to to-day (Thursday) very great reluctance to having a contest at this time, but in view of all the circumstances, and as a result of the consideration he had been able to give to the matter, he did not entertain those feelings any longer. It has always been the policy of the Conservative party, as Mr. Scaife said, to draw a red herring across the trail. Five years ago, at the last general election, which was to have been fought out on the trade question they introduced the "old flag" cry, and hoodwinked the people of the Dominion as well as this city, concealing the real issue altogether. It may be that in this campaign also the real issue will be concealed from some of the electors in the same way, and that the cry will be raised that the Liberals of Victoria are trying to throw cold water on the endeavor to get cabinet representation. He had tried during the last few days to arrive at a proper understanding of Col. Prior's position. He felt that if Col. Prior was a bona fide cabinet minister having absolute charge of a regular department, the same as any of the other cabinet ministers, personally he would not care to be a candidate to oppose him at this particular time. He would admit, though, that he never once wavered as to the duty of the party as a party in this city, or in any other constituency where there is a vacancy to give opposition to a supporter of the government. (Applause.) There are certain great issues at stake, and it is only right that the elections should be fought out on those issues. (Hear hear.) It was very essential that we should not get these matters befogged or sidetracked. He recognized the right of the province to cabinet representation; he fully believed it would be a moral advantage to have a cabinet minister from this province, and that, had we had one in past years, possibly the trade question would not be in the position it is to-day. Holding these views, he felt all along that, if Col. Prior were a full-fledged cabinet minister, he would not care to oppose him. Hence his reluctance, Mr. Templeman said, to give his answer at once, preferring rather to wait and see if the resolution of the executive committee would be affirmed at a general meeting of the party. He had tried to ascertain Col. Prior's position, and he had come to the conclusion, after consultation with all whom he considered authorities on the question, and also after carefully reading and considering the dispatches from Ottawa in the Colonist—not their editorials—(laughter) that Col. Prior is not a cabinet minister now, and cannot be until special legislation is brought in making him one, or until he is made a minister without portfolio; in short, that it is impossible for him to be a cabinet minister and a controller at the same time. (Applause and hear, hear.) He believed that the telegram sent by the premier to Col. Prior was written to deceive. Mr. Templeman did not think he was violating any confidence when he said he had been waited upon by two or three prominent Conservatives to-day and asked whether, if it could be clearly proved to him that Col. Prior had been bona fide given a seat in the cabinet, it would make any difference in the contest of the Liberals. Without a moment's hesitation, and without waiting to consult his friends, Mr. Templeman had replied that such proof would probably have a material influence on the situation, and on this understanding the gentlemen interviewing him promised to communicate with him again, but they had since informed him that they had no further evidence to give than that which has appeared in the columns of the Colonist (hear, hear) and he absolutely refused to accept that as a settlement of the case. (Applause.) He did not believe that the offer of cabinet representation at the present time could be relied upon (applause), and consequently his reluctance about entering the contest was entirely removed, and he was free to answer the Liberals, definitely and distinctly this evening what his intentions are. He would much prefer that the selection of the Liberals of the city had fallen upon some other candidate. He had been a candidate at the last general election and he had been chosen a candidate for the next general election, and to fight two elections within six months was a very serious matter, but as he was desirous of seeing a contest, and as he had been fighting in the Liberal cause for a great many years, he would say that if the Liberals believed him to be the strongest candidate, he was willing to enter the fight.

A tremendous burst of applause greeted this announcement, and it was some moments before Mr. Templeman could be heard again.

Continuing, Mr. Templeman said his friends must consider it their fight. If he consulted his own inclinations and personal convenience he would remain at home, but he presumed that, now he had made this announcement, it was a fight from the beginning to the end. (Repeated applause.) In a large measure we will be fighting the general election, because if we win now, it is a natural certainty that we shall be successful at the general election. There is no doubt that we shall have a very large vote polled, but he did not propose to fight this election, or let our opponents fight it, merely on the question of cabinet representation. (Applause.) Having got over his reluctance, and feeling that at the present time there can be no positive assurance of Col. Prior being a cabinet minister, Mr. Templeman proposed fighting on the particular issues that have been before the people for many years past. (Applause.)

This vacancy has been created by the resignation of Hon. Clarke Wallace, who refused to support the government in passing remedial legislation. (Applause.) Mr. Templeman regretted above all things that a question which is likely to provoke religious animosities, as this one undoubtedly will, especially in the eastern provinces, will be one of the issues of the contest. "I am going to take my stand fairly and squarely on provincial rights." (Cheers.) "That has been the policy of the Liberal party since confederation, and the greatest champion of these rights has been that able statesman, Sir Oliver Mowat. (Cheers.) The Dominion government proposes to re-establish separate schools, against the wish of the province of Manitoba; I am unmistakably opposed to any such legislation. I do not care whether coercion springs from our own party or from the other side, I will oppose it. (Cheers.) I am prepared to take the stand in favor of non-sectarian schools all the time." (Cheers.)

Mr. Templeman in closing, promised to lay his views before the electors fairly, squarely and honestly as soon as the campaign opened. He would, as he had promised, not let the important issues at stake become clouded or overlooked. It was a happy sign that with the exception of British Columbia and Quebec all the provincial governments were controlled by Liberals, which showed that the party was in the majority in the country. (Cheers.) Mr. Templeman again impressed the party with the importance of this fight, and expressed the hope that all would meet the enemy with a solid, undivided front. (Cheers.)

A vote of thanks to the chairman followed by three rousing cheers for the Queen and three more for Templeman, brought the meeting to a close, but the audience, to a man almost, stayed and discussed the plan of campaign, and an interesting, enthusiastic meeting followed on the business of organization and other work connected with the fight, most of which, however, is well on the way.

—Major C. T. Picton is manager of the State hotel, at Denison, Texas, which the travelling men say is one of the best hotels in that section. In speaking of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy, Major Picton says: "I have used it myself and in my family for several years, and take pleasure in saying that I consider it an infallible cure for diarrhoea and dysentery. I always recommend it, and have frequently administered it to my guests in the hotel, and in every case it has proven itself worthy of unqualified endorsement. For sale by all druggists. Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

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—On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next, the offices of the provincial government will be closed and also on New Year's day and the day following.

—A number drove out from the city last evening to attend the entertainment in Colquitz Hall, by the ladies of the district Methodist church. The programme was an excellent one. Refreshments were served during the evening.

—Mrs. Capt. Grant read an interesting paper explaining Lady Somerset's views on the social training of children at the regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. held yesterday afternoon. The paper evoked considerable discussion.

—Singers, public speakers, actors, auctioneers, teachers, preachers, and all who are liable to overtax and irritate the vocal organs, find, in Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, a safe, certain, and speedy relief. A timely dose of this preparation has prevented many a throat trouble.

—A lot of clothing, $5.25 in cash 26 bread tickets and other useful articles were yesterday given to the Friendly Help Association for the poor of the city. The wants of sixteen families were supplied yesterday from the children's gifts and what was left over was to-day given out.

—The Y. M. C. A. rooms will be open on New Year's day from 2 o'clock until 6. During this time an attractive programme will be rendered and refreshments served to all visitors. Richardson's orchestra will furnish the music. On New Year's evening a concert will be given under the management of Mr. George Burnett.

—Frederick Stanley Spain, second son of the late Valentine Spain, R. N., and Marion Gertrude Clarke, second daughter of William Palmer Clarke, late of England, were married in St. Saviour's church yesterday by Rev. W. D. Barber. Mr. Spain is at present provincial police officer at Clayoquot. The happy couple are guests at the Dallas.

—The following donations to the Refuge Home have ben gratefully received: Five tons of coal, Mr. S. M. Robbins, Nanaimo; free delivery of same, Messrs. Spratt & Macaulay; one barrel flour, Mr. Cairn; sundries, Mrs. James McGregor; Mrs. D. Spencer, Mrs. Hayward, Messrs. Perry & Turner, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Cohen, and a friend.

—A number of spectators yesterday witnessed the single stick contests at the Pemberton gymnasium. The senior championship was won by W. N. Winsby, of the Ceatral school, with Huxtable second, and F. Fawcett, of the South Park won the junior championship with O'Brien, of the Central school, second. Capt. Clive Phillips Wolley and Lieut.-Col. Peters gave the medals, which were presented by Trustee Mrs. Grant, who spoke words of encouragement to the contestants. Capt. Wolley acted as referee and Instructor St. Clair as timekeeper.

Five short autograph poems by Robert Burns were sold recently in London for $400, three long letters for $370, and three short ones for $105. At the same time seven letters of Sir Walter Scott were sold for about $27.50 apiece.

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SULLIVAN SETTLES IT.

The Big Ex-Scrapper Gives President Monroe Credit for Some Sand.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—"Monroe had the right kind of sand when he wrote that paper which made the nations of the world duck their nuts to Uncle Sam," said John L. Sullivan. "I've had some experience myself with Johnny Bull," continued the great scrapper, "and I found them regular duffers. There was Tug Wilson, who came over here pretending to be a fighter. Charley Mitchell had too much mouth for his size, and I quickly done him. These Englishmen are very fond of talking, but they cut no ice with a real fighter.

"That's where I admire Cleveland. He gets right down to business the minute he is challenged. Now, some of these fellows what's always looking for an office likes to kick about the articles of agreement—they don't like the gloves and other conditions. But Cleveland, he just says 'If you really mean fight, why, any fair referee will suit me; and as for gloves, why, anything from a silk mit to a pillow is good enough so long as it's to be a decision.'

"England has had a few good scrappers but they relied more upon strength than science to win. There was that man Butcher and—what's his name?—yes, Wellington. They wasn't in it with Napoleon when it came to the fine points of the game; but they had the crowd with them, and that made all the difference.

"Now, look at England grabbing for the stakes just as Mitchell used to do. She says, 'I'll just take a little extra slice of the side bet, 'meaning this country of Venezuela, when your Uncle Samuel just steps in and says: 'You had better get down to your own class if you want to scrap.'

"We're a great deal stronger than England, and we can lick her to a standstill, and don't you forget it. But England won't fight. She is just like some of those debs that have been licked three or four times and then want another try for the belt."

—Hall's Hair Renewer contains the natural food and color matter for the hair, and medicinal herbs for the scalp, curing grayness, baldness, dandruff and scalp sores.

—Have you seen our tinted glass table lamps? We have them in pink, green and light amber. Weiler Bros.

The house in which George III. was born is still standing in St. James' square, London. It is a small Hanoverian cottage, and has been used for many years as a stable and servants' house.

—A good gift, shaving sets (our own fitting), guaranteed satisfactory, at Fox's, 78 Government street.

TABLE ✠ DELICACIES

Chelsea Table Jelly, Christie's Short Bread, 'Frisco Saloon Pilot Bread.

If you want something nice for breakfast try

Quaker Oats.

For Sale by

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Can be Obtained from your Chemist

TAKE NO SUBSTITUTE

Don't forget, these Remedies have been

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and proved to be superior to any other

Sold by all Chemists and direct from Langley & Co.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.—Small advertisements, set like this paragraph, received up to 4 p.m. each day. Larger ads. must be sent in earlier. "Changes" for standing ads. received up to 11 a.m.

A New Version

P. P. P. P. now stands for Pacific Province's Peerless Pharmacy. Have you seen the display of Christmas Novelties? It's an "Oh, my! How nice!" provoking exhibition.

JONES,

.....Government Street...

DECEMBER.

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JOSHUA DAVIES

AUCTIONEER,

Room 7, - Board of Trade Building.

The Daily Times.

Special to the Colonist.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Premier Bowell informed your correspondent to-day that both Hon. J. F. Wood and Hon. E. G. Prior WILL BE Ministers of the Cabinet.

WHEN?

BETTER FACE THE TRUTH.

Though the government organ still blusters, it is evidently in reality convinced that its contentions with regard to Col. Prior's position are wrong. Nothing more than its own dispatches are needed to show that whatever position the government may think of giving Col. Prior in the future, it cannot at present make him a member of the cabinet. If he is a de facto cabinet minister now why should it be necessary to propose the legislation which was foreshadowed by the Colonist's correspondence yesterday? It may have been noticed that the same correspondence was all in the future tense. Sir Mackenzie Bowell's (alleged) statement to Col. Prior reads: "You are controller of inland revenue, privy councillor and a member of the cabinet." The Colonist's correspondent says: "Premier Bowell informed your correspondent to-day that both Hon. John F. Wood and Hon. E. G. Prior will be members of the cabinet." From "are" to "will be" is a peculiar change. Nothing more is needed to show that an attempt has been made to befool the people of Victoria, an attempt which Victorians are bound to resent as an insult. Our Ottawa dispatches to-day make the matter still plainer. The Colonist's Ottawa correspondent is also the correspondent of the Toronto World, and is on peculiarly confidential terms with the premier. His announcement in the World is therefore extremely significant. Besides, it is evident that everyone in the east, including Minister Ives and Controller Wood, regards it as an impossibility that the controllers can be cabinet members. We should not like to think that all those people ought to be in lunatic asylums. To any man capable of thinking for himself this matter should be perfectly clear. The controllers are the subordinates of the minister of trade and commerce, and they could not have seats in the cabinet on an equality with their superior officer. That state of affairs would be absurdly anomalous, and would be a violation of the law. It would be better for Col. Prior if he and his friends were to stand upon the truth and value the position he has been given at its exact worth. Deception and trickery wil not avail.

OPPOSITION.

The Liberals have undoubtedly taken the right course in deciding to oppose Col. Prior's return to Parliament. Opponents of a government are sometimes justified in permitting the re-election by acclamation of a representative who has accepted office as a minister of the crown, but the conditions which would justify this in Controller Prior's case are not present. The endeavor to create a false impression here in regard to the office given is in itself a reason for condemning the government and voting against it. As the affair stands no Victorian of independent spirit can harbor the slightest feeling of gratitude for what the government has done, and it is an insult to say that he should. Then the circumstances which have led to the appointment plainly indicate the necessity of opposition. The vacancy which Colonel Prior has been called to fill was caused by the retirement of Mr. Clarke Wallace, who found himself unable to remain in office with a government determined to coerce the province of Manitoba and trample on its rights. It is openly stated that no Ontario member of parliament could be found to accept the vacant office and with it this policy of coercion. The unopposed return of Col. Prior would certainly be taken to mean that Victoria and all British Columbia approve this policy, an impression which the people of the city and province cannot allow to go abroad. It would be a nice conclusion surely that British Columbians have less sense of justice or lace a lower value on provin justice or place a lower value on provin east. Then the fiscal question had to be considered. Victoria could not afford to give an unqualified approval of the policy which imposes an enormous burden of taxation on this province and gives comparatively little in return, and that is what Col. Prior's re-election by acclamation would mean. For all these reasons the Liberals were bound to offer opposition, and for these reasons the electors of Victoria district, we are thoroughly convinced, will negative the return of Controller Prior.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

And Templeman Supporters Meet This Evening at New Committee Room.

The executive committees of both local Liberal organizations and the active supporters of Wm. Templeman will meet this evening at 8 o'clock at Templeman's central committee room, 42 Broad street.

The work of perfecting campaign organization will be dealt with and the ward committees appointed.

The room selected as headquarters of the central campaign committee is centrally located, comfortable and in every way adapted for the purpose for which it was chosen.

Speaking of the North Ontario election ex-Controller Wallace said:—"I am pleased to see Mr. McGillivray victorious for he assured me definitely that, if elected, he would oppose any coercion of Manitoba. He went to North Ontario asking the electors to pledge him to no definite line of action on the school question, but to judge of his record. The electors, remembering the stand he took in the Meredith campaigns, and the fighting he did in oppositon to any extension of the separate school system in Ontario, thought that such a record was good and elected him." Unless Bro. McGillivray cruelly deceived the Grand Master, the government's jubilation over North Ontario was rather ill-timed.

Controller—An officer appointed to keep a counter register of accounts or to examine, rectify or verify accounts. —Webster.

THE POLLING PLACES.

Where the Electors Will Vote at the Coming Bye-Election.

Sheriff McMillan has issued his proclamation to the electors of the Victoria electoral district to be present at his office, Bastion street, on the 30th inst., to nominate candidates for the coming bye-election. The electors in the different sub-divisions will have an opportunity of polling their votes on the 6th of January at the following polling booths:

No. 1.—Corner of Douglas street and King's road.
No. 2.—City hall.
No. 3.—Temperance hall, Pandora street.
No. 4.—J. Whitefield's, 218 Cook street.
No. 5.—Sheriff's office, court house.
No. 6.—Harmony Hall, View street.
No. 7.—55 Kane street.
No. 8.—Government street, north end of James Bay bridge.
No. 9.—James Bay school house, corner of Kingston and Oswego streets.
No. 10.—The Willows, Cadboro Bay road.
No. 11.—Fairall's hall, Victoria West.
No. 12.—Public hall, Metchosin district.

ROTTEN, WILDCAT BANKING.

Condition of First National and Columbia National Banks, Whatcom.

Whatcom, Dec. 20.—The recent examination, by a committe of the depositors, of the affairs of the suspended First National Bank, which has been in the hands of a receiver for nearly two years and a half, has revealed a condition of loose management and utter rottenness that probably has no parallel in all the history of wildcat banking in this state. It seems almost incredible that a national bank, subject to federal examination twice a year, at least, and required to make five sworn statements annually, could be so systematically and thoroughly looted. When A. D. Lynch, of Washington, the confidential assistant of the comptroller, was here recently, the assets were carefully checked over, with the result that out of $160,000 Mr. Lynch was advised that if the bank should be sold and expenses limited to $35 a month, $9,000 might be realized in six months. A more worthless lot of notes and judgments it would be difficult to get together. The cashier got in his work for over $17,000. A relative or friend of his in Seattle got $12,000. The ex-president, vice-president and assistant cashier each got several thousand and so on, and there are a lot of notes given by men who were never good for the amounts even in boom times. Since the failure of the bank 20 per cent. of the claims have been paid and it is barely possible that enough may be realized to pay 10 per cent. more.

Mr. Lynch has also made an examination of the affairs of the Columbia National, with a committee of the depositors, and its condition is said to be but little better than that of the First National. Only one dividend of 15 per cent. has been paid, and the stockholders have been released from 82 per cent. of their liability by an assessment of only 18 per cent. on the stock. It is possible that an effort will be made to wind up the affairs of the Columbia by next August, when the depositors may possibly receive 10 or 15 per cent. more of their claims. Not unnaturally, they simply feel as if they had been held up and robbed.

PERSONAL.

H. F. Fletcher, of Alberni, is at the Driard.
F. H. Price, of Cowichan lake, is a guest at the Oriental.
Mr. R. Scott, of Nanaimo, is registered at the Oriental.
J. W. Walker, of Astoria, is a guest at the New England.
H. E. Wickens, of San Francisco, is registered at the New England.
Postoffice Inspector Fletcher came over from the Mainland last night.
R. V. Winch, Geo. S. Dutcher, and Chas. Doering and wife, of Vancouver, are guests at the Driard.

—A present—I am selling watches, clocks and jewelry at cost and making you a present of the profits. The reason why does not concern you; come and see the prices at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street.

—Gilmore & McCandless quote some attractive prices in men's clothing.

—Ladies' companions and scissor cases at Fox's.

An Announcement.

B. C. Furniture Company.

The Business of the Sehl-Hastie-Erskine Furniture Company, Limited, having been purchased from the mortgagees, will hereafter be conducted by the

B. C. Furniture Company.

The entire stock will be disposed of at greatly reduced prices.

Bedroom Sets from **$8.75** up.

Chairs from **40c.** up.

Special bargains in Crockery and Glassware.

JACOB SEHL, Manager.

R. J. MATTHEWS, Merchant Tailor,

101 DOUGLAS STREET,

is making a First-Class Suit to Order for $15; Good Pants to order, $3.50. All work guaranteed to give satisfaction. Call and inspect my goods before buying elsewhere.

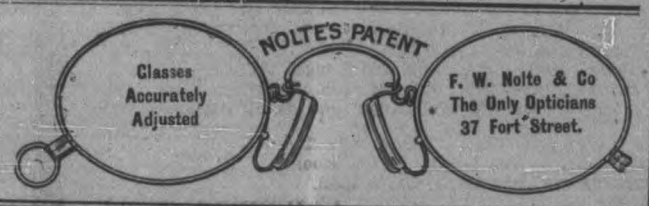
Expected the Crowd

And got them—made up a nice lot of Clothes from our stock and have another consignment of Fine Serges just in.

You Can Get : : : :

Your Suit before Christmas if you order now. Wouldn't shave profits so close, but we must have money. No one can touch our prices.

J. W. CREIGHTON, Merchant Tailor,
86 Government Street.



Be Sensible

This Christmas and buy Sensible Christmas Presents.

A Gentleman appreciates nothing more than that which while it expresses kind remembrance, at the same gives comfort and a sense of luxury.

WE HAVE at considerable expense laid in a Stock of Fine.....

Suspenders, Neckwear,
Mufflers, Silk Handkerchiefs,
Gloves, Umbrellas, Etc.

Especially for the Christmas trade. Before purchasing presents it would, at least, be prudent for you to see these goods. No trouble to show them, and no hard-feelings should you not buy at

Geo. R. Jackson's

75 Government Street.

CANDLE BURNING CONTEST now on. No purchase necessary to take a chance. Open to everybody—FREE.

VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL.

List of the Scholars Who Passed at the Half Yearly Examinations.

First division.—Rank in order of merit of first fifteen.—Evelyn Marchant, Herbert Arthur, Maggie Blackburn, Mary Nason, Howard McEwen, Earl Clarke, Gertrude Loat, Katherine McCurdy, Christopher Loat, Bessie Fraser, Cora Loat, Elizabeth Fletcher, Mary McGraw, Martha Redfern, William Roberts.

Third division.—Rank of first fifteen in order of merit.—Hjalma Jacobson, Louis Duval, Hambert McConnell, Mabel Knott, Mary Wilson, Genevieve Grant, Alfred McPhaden, Jane Moore, Frank Stevenson, Richard Maynard, Arthur Gore, Sarah Sheriff, Arthur Burgess, Kate Braid, Lily Haynes.

Fourth division—Rank in order of merit of first fifteen.—Sarah Mills, Alexander Thompson, Fanny Whyte, Evis Nicholson, Charles McLean, Margaret Johnson, William Peddle, Alice Wale, Florence Creedon, John Duncan, Flora Rolfe, Elizabeth Cartmel, Mary Holmes, Arthur Nicholson, Lulu D. Sherritt.

Christmas Fruits.

Valencia raisins and currents just arrived from the east; cheap and thoroughly clean, at Johns Bros., 250 Douglas street.

Appropriate Xmas Gifts

JUST ARRIVED:

Kid Gloves,
Handkerchiefs,
Umbrellas,
Furs, Capes
Feather Ruffs,
and Waterproofs.

LANSDOWNE HOUSE,

John Partridge, Prop.

A FEW OF THE

Desirable Articles for Christmas Presents

....TO BE HAD AT....

PERRY & TURNER'S

Gold Aluminum Ware

Knives, Forks, Tea Spoons, Table Spoons, Dessert Spoons, and Berry Spoons, Etc.

Silver Plated Ware

Tea Sets, Butter Dishes, Sugar Bowls, Jugs, Tea Pots, Cake Dishes, Fruit Dishes, Nut Dishes, Etc.
Spoon Holders, Cream Pitchers, Syrup

Hand Decorated Steel China Ware

Tea Pots, Coffee Pots, Sugar Bowls, Spoon Holders, Cream Pitchers, Syrup Jugs, Toilet Sets, Etc.

This is a beautiful ware and can never break.

A Slipper Ad.

YOU MAY be thinking of presenting someone with a pair of Slippers at Christmas. Will this list help you to decide.

GENTLEMANS', IN
PATENT LEATHER,
BLACK LEATHER,
TAN LEATHER,
PLUSH, different colors, embroidered.

LADIES' IN
SATIN, all colors, beautifully embroidered with steel bead work and plain.
BATH SLIPPERS, very convenient and comfortable.
HOUSE SLIPPERS, assorted colors worsted.
WOOLLEN CROCHET SLIPPERS, many beautiful colors, very cosy.

The Prices of Ladies' and Misses' Black Cloth Leggings and Children's Tan Leggings have been carved down low—from 25 to 50 per cent.

A. B. Erskine,

Corner Government & Johnson Sts.

CLARKE & PEARSON,

17 Yates Street, Victoria, B. C.

—Manufacturers Of—

THE WONDERFUL AIR-TIGHT HEATERS!

CAST IRON Air-Tight Heaters having invariably proved a failure. Our Heaters have no cast iron in their construction, are thoroughly air-tight and remain so. NO SOOT, DIRT OR DUST. Clean, Effective, Durable and Economic.

Whisky and Wine.

WATSON'S THREE STAR GLENLEVIT.

Is the Favorite Scotch Whisky, to be had at all First Class Refreshment Places.

PRELLER (Bordeaux), CLARETS and SAUTERNES.

A large shipment just received. The duty is less. The price is lower.

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BOWES, THE DRUGGIST,

1100 Government Street. Tel. 425.

LOCAL NEWS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

—Gilmore & McCandless are looking for the man in need of an overcoat. *

—Wood air-tight heating stoves at Clarke & Pearson's, 17 Yates street. *

—Tatnai lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F., of Kamloops, has secured incorporation under the Benevolent Societies Act.

—Christmas vacation in the county courts of the province will extend from Tuesday next until January 3rd.

—P. S. Bartlett Waltham watches in dust-proof stem-wind cases, $10.50, at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street. *

—The British Columbia Southern railway will at the next session of the legislature apply for a further extension of time in which to complete their undertaking.

—A deputation of influential business men waited on Ald. A. J. McLellan last evening at his residence on the Gorge road, and asked him to stand as a candidate for mayor at the coming election.

—Harry Edwards, a sailor, was this morning fined $25 and $2 costs or two months' imprisonment for being drunk on Government street, using vile language and obstructing an officer in the performance of his duty.

—Application will be made at the next session of the legislature by the Ashcroft and Cariboo railway company for a private act to authorize them to build a line of railway from either Ashcroft or Kamloops to Port Simpson via Barkerville.

—There is a candidate in Victoria for the position of "the meanest man." Last Sunday envelopes were distributed in one of the city churches for the Jubilee Hospital Sunday collection. Somebody present took one of the envelopes and placed in it a page he had torn from a hymn book.

—Want!—Of course you want something for Christmas. Something useful; one of those mantel clocks in walnut or oak, eight-day, strike hours and half hours on a cathedral gong, sent home and set running and guaranteed for five years, $4, at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street. *

—The matron and orphans of the P. O. Home will be present at the matinee performance of the operetta "Four Leaved Clover" in the theatre to-morrow afternoon, and it is to be hoped there may be a full house, which the performance, as well as the cause deserves.

—A meeting of the Canadian Order of Woodmen will be held in the A. O. U. W. Hall this evening. Officers for the ensuing term will be elected and general business transacted. The order has made active progress in the city since its organization in the city some months ago.

—The kindergarten classes conducted by Mrs. E. Macnaughton and Mrs. W. H. Spofford, corner of Yates street and Fernwood road, held their closing exercises yesterday afternoon. A large number of parents and friends were present. The school has only been in operation four months, but the progress made by the little ones was a surprise and a delight to those present. A delightful feature was a Christmas tree bearing presents from the children to parents and friends. These gifts were all their own work, and the gratification of the children in thus being able to give what they themselves had made was very evident. All the exercises indicated that while "there is no royal road to learning," the way to secure a thorough elementary training for future knowledge is made pleasant and bright by the kindergarten system.

—The Juvenile Opera Company scored another big success with the operetta "Four Leaved Clover" last evening at the Victoria theatre, but unfortunately the bad weather kept many away. No doubt there will be a much larger attendance at the matinee to-morrow. The acting and singing of the little ones taking part were splendid and fully deserved the applause they received. The dresses were pretty and the stage setting reflected much credit upon those who had the affair in charge. Misses Juanita Davis and Emma Casad carried off honors for their very pretty step dances, and master Sammy Johnson proved himself a comedian of no small order. The choruses and march of the Amazons showed how carefully Mrs. Lang and Mr. Wolff had trained the children. All the parts were well taken. Those taking leading parts were: Misses Ethel St. Claire, May King, Emma Casad, May Wolff, Lilly Lyons, Annie Carter, Laura St. Claire, Flossy Jackson, Celia Tugwell, Ada Sims, Olive Lambert and Victoria Penketh, and Masters P. Thomas, W. Craigie, T. Furnival, Sam Johnson and Sol Silvertz.

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Highest Honors—World's Fair,
DR.
PRICE'S
CREAM
BAKING
POWDER
MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant
40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

—See the prize puzzle in the window at Shore's Hardware, 57 Johnson St. *

—The Province, in its Christmas issue to-morrow will contain amongst other items an article on the state of affairs at Union, which will probably cause a sensation.

—The drawing for the pictures at the art exhibition will take place to-morrow evening at 8:30 o'clock at the city hall. Those holding tickets are requested to attend.

—The Victoria Yacht club smoker to have been given to-morrow evening has been postponed until Monday evening, the 23rd, on account of the many counter attractions.

—You want my prices on watches. I have them at $2.50, but they are not my best. I have better that are guaranteed, tested and regulated, stem-wind and set, water and dust proof, $5, at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street.

—The charity ball for the benefit of the Xmas fund of the British Columbia Benevolent Society takes place to-night at the A. O. U. W. hall, Yates street. The ladies of Triumph lodge Degree of Honor have everything arranged, and promise all who attend a most enjoyable evening. It is to be hoped a substantial fund will be realized.

—George A. Huff, M. P. P. for Cowichan-Alberni, is at the Oriental. He came overland from Alberni, and reports a huge landslide near Cameron Lake. Large trees and rocks came tumbling down the mountain side, completely blocking the road. Fortunately Mr. Huff's team was going home from Nanaimo and the passengers and mails were transferred from the stage to Mr. Huff's wagon, which returned with them to Nanaimo. It will take some time to remove the debris and make the road passable.

—A special meeting of the city council was held this afternoon. The milk vendors' by-law was considered, and some amendments made. The 1896 election by-law was finally passed. An agreement proposed to be entered into by the corporation and the City Telephone company for the mutual use of the poles was submitted. It was referred to the city solicitor, the electric light committee and the superintendent. A resolution was carried that five cents be charged for each copy of the voters' lists applied for and also for a copy of a printed by-law.

—Numberless beautifully fashioned bottles in glistening cut glass lay snugly on a bed of down, white as the driven snow; the scent of roses, violets and other nostril-tickling odors fills the air; a fountain whose liquid streams glint with every conceivable hue and shade babbles merrily on a marble stand; many—but stop—the reader must visit this entrancing scene if he would obtain an idea of its beauties. John Cochrane, the proprietor of the Palace Drug store, corner Yates and Douglas streets, a slight description of whose establishment is attempted above, has the satisfaction of knowing that his display of Christmas novelties is unsurpassed on the coast. It should be seen by everyone. Considerable credit is due Mr. Robert Hutchison for the ingenuity he displayed in placing the electrical fittings in place.

GARROW-CREECH TRIAL.

Dr. Frank Hall in the Witness Box During the Whole Day.

Dr. J. K. Garrow was charged in the police court this morning with the murder of Mary Ellen Janes, and Harry Creech with being an accessory before the fact. The court room was crowded. Superintendent Hussey informed the court that he had been instructed by the Attorney-General's department to take charge of the case on behalf of the crown. J. Stuart Yates, of Yates & Jay, appeared for Dr. Garrow, and S Perry Mills for Harry Creech.

Dr. Frank Hall was the first witness called. His evidence was similar to that given by him at the coroner's inquest. He explained minutely the precautions he took before performing the operation to render his instruments and parts antiseptic. To the best of his memory both the mother and Creech were present when he gave instructions as to the treatment of the patient. He addressed his instructions to Creech, as the mother appeared passive. The patient never would talk to him.

Dr. Frank Hall was in the witness box the whole of the day. He was subjected to a severe cross-examination by Messrs. Yates and Mills. Owing to the crowded state of the court room and the lack of proper ventilation, a man fainted in the afternoon and had to be carried out by the police.

SHIPPING.

Doings in Marine Circles During the Past Twenty-Four Hours.

Plymouth, Eng., Dec. 20.—The Hamburg-American line steamer Augusta Victoria arrived here at 5:15 this morning. She reported that on December 15th a heavy sea swept over the crow's nest on the foretopmast and washed the man on the lookout out of the observation chamber. The man was severely injured. Part of the bridge was also carried away.

London, Dec. 20—The steamship Spree stranded yesterday morning at 5:10 on Warden ledge, near Totland bay. She was expected to float at the next high tide.

The steamship Transit is at Seattle loading for Central America, and it is expected that she will not be able to leave before Sunday.

Steamer Rainbow left for Union wharf to-day for a load of coal for the C. P. N. Co.

One hundred and fifty tons of coal were brought down by the Daisy to-day for Spratt & McAulay.

—Diamond rings—15 karat diamond rings; all sizes and patterns, $4, at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street. *

It is reported that Sir Frederick Leighintends to bequeath his fine mansion at Kensington to the Royal Academy, as an official residence for the future presidents of the society. It is a magnificent house.

—Read Gilmore & McCandless' overcoat talk. *

PRESENTS! ✠ PRESENTS!

Xmas 1895 — New Year 1896

Watches, Gold, Silver and Nickel.
Fine Diamond Jewellery.
Sterling Silver Tea Services and Christmas Novelties.
Gold and Silver Headed Canes and a general assortment of the latest styles of gold and silver jewellery.
The Largest Stock, the Best Quality and the Lowest Prices.

C. E. REDFERN,
43 Government Street.

New Cooking Raisins, 5c. per lb.

New Cleaned Currants, 3 lb for 25c.
New Sultana, Valencia and Cluster Raisins.
New Citron, Lemon and Orange Peel, 20c. lb.
Best Pastry Flour, $1 per Sack; Granulated Sugar, 21 lbs for $1.
Another lot of Canned Haddies.
Shredded Codfish to make nice fish cakes for breakfast, at 10 cents per package.

Hardress Clarke, Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.

ARGYLE HOUSE!

XMAS. XMAS. XMAS.

Ladies' Motto Handkerchiefs, 5c. each.
Ladies' Colored Hemstitch Handkerchiefs, 5c. each.
Ladies' Lace Handkerchiefs from 15c.
Ladies' and Children's Handkerchiefs, in fancy boxes, from 10c. to $1.25 per box.
Ladies' Embroidered Cambric Handkerchiefs from 10c. each.
Ladies' Embroidered Silk Handkerchiefs from 10c. each.
Ladies' and Gents' Inital Handkerchiefs.
Gentlemen's Colored Brocaded Silk Handkerchiefs, reduced from $1.75 to $1.25
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Gents' Hemstitched Silk Handkerchiefs, White and Colored.
Ladies' Lined Kid Gloves, deep fur top, $1.00 a pair.
White Table Linens from 35c. a yard.
A good assortment of Plain and Fringed Napkins.
Children's White Fur Boas, 35c. each.
A well assorted stock of Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas from 50c. each.
A varied assortment of Ladies' Silk Ties.
Crochet Silk, The Peerless, 25c. a spool
Crochet Silk, The Daisy, 10c. a spool.

J. HORNER & CO.

If You Are Thinking

What you will give that gentleman friend of yours for Christmas, you can speedily come to a decision by inspecting our fine stock of

GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHINGS.

Latest Style Hats; Just Arrived.
The Newest Creations in Fine Neckwear.
Beautiful Embroidered Suspenders, etc., etc.

Samuel Sea, Jr., 89 DOUGLAS STREET, SUCCESSOR TO HENRY WALLER.

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We carry nothing but Imported Goods and keep the Largest and Best Stock in British Columbia.

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Exciting Trips During the War of Secession—Big Profits; Big Risks.

Men who Perilled Ships and Lives to Help the South, and Fill Their Pockets.

A reporter spent an evening last week with Commander John C. Brain, who graduated from the Naval Academy, and rendered distinguished service in the Confederate States navy.

"Blockade running," said he, "is a science. It is attended with great risks and dangers, but, when properly studied, it may be operated with absolute success and comparative safety. I hear it said, in these times, that blockades cannot be run now on account of search lights, but I can run a blockade now. I would get a search light, too. While it is true that the number of vessels in a fleet is known to each in a cordon, the location and position of each at all times is not known, and, for that reason, the uncertainty that would attend the identity of a blockade runner carrying a search light would give her an advantage, and an opportunity to reach a point of safety before she was discovered.

"Enormous profits were made during the late war by blockade-running by both private parties and corporations. The only ports of the Confederacy for running the blockade were Galveston, Tex., Mobile, Ala., Charleston, S. C., and Wilmington, N. C. The latter was the principal port, for the reason that it was more accessible, it having two channels leading into the port—the new and old inlets. The old inlet, being the southern entrance, was guarded by Fort Caswell and Fort Fisher. The new inlet from the north was guarded only by Fort Fisher and a small battery on land. Both of these inlets lead to Cape Fear river, on which is situated the city of Wilmington, twelve miles from its mouth. On the coast, on each side of the inlet, flying batteries of artillery, commanded by Col. Lamb, C. S. A., were kept patrolling the shores at night time to protect any blockade runner that might have to be run ashore to keep her from falling into the hands of the enemy. These batteries did valuable service.

"Notwithstanding the Federal government did all in its power to effectually seal up or blockade this port, it having at one time nearly 200 in the blockading squadron, in one night twelve vessels forced the blockade successfully and entered the port. Fourteen attempted to effect entrance, but two were captured. These vessels were loaded with provisions, medical stores, arms and munitions of war for the Confederate government."

The inducement for running the blockade was the enormous value of cotton, it being bought in the Confederacy for 25 and 30 cents a pound in gold, or its equivalent, and sold outside for $1.00 to $1.80 per pound; consequently the profits were enormous, even if the risks were great. Most of the blockade running was done by corporations. Among the largest of these engaged in the business was the Bee company of Charleston, S. C., who owned the famous blockade runner Cyrene. She ran the blockade 32 times in and out of Charleston, S. C. When Charleston was evacuated she was lying at her wharf there and her owners burned her rather than allow her to fall into the hands of the enemy. The Confederate government owned several blockade-running vessels to replenish the supply store, and also several states owned blockade runners, among them Virginia and North Carolina. To give an idea how quickly these ships were constructed, an order could be given to a shipbuilder on the Mersey or Clyde for a ship costing from £40,000 to £50,000, $200,000 to $250,000. These vessels were light draught, requiring not more than nine feet of water, and had a speed of 15 to 18 knots an hour. After completion, the vessel was cleared from Liverpool or the Clyde for the port of Nassau or St. George, Bermuda. When she arrived in port her top hamper was taken down, and the blockade-running crew at once shipped. The captain was paid the enormous wages of $5000 in gold and $3000 in Confederate money. The pilot was paid $5000 in gold, and the chief engineer was paid the same; the first assistant $3000; second, third and fourth engineers, $2000 each per voyage. One voyage per month was made, each being made in the dark of the moon. Seamen and firemen were paid $300 a month, $100 on signing shipping articles, the balance on return of the ship to port. The leadsman was paid $500 a month. His services were required only when the ship was coming in or going out of port. The signal officer was paid the same.

"The ship being fully prepared, having been painted a leaden color so as not to be distinguished in the dark, and having taken in her cargo, her inward cargo, consisting of bacon, provisions, pig lead, boiler iron, medical stores and munitions of war, she at once cleared for Halifax, Nova Scotia. All these blockade runners had English register and English colors. Owing to Her Majesty's proclamation of 1861, forbidding her subjects to engage in assisting either side during the late unpleasantness, these ships, when they made the mistake of entering the port of Wilmington instead of Halifax, and running the blockade, violated their registers, and consequently on the return voyage had to get out a new register.

"All the vessels, the property of the Confederate government, were registered as the property of Frazer, Trenholm & Co., Liverpool, England, the commercial agents of the Federal government in that country.

"The blockade runners were built with a double set of boilers, and, prior to making the coast, steam was got up on all the boilers, so as to give the ship all the steam she could carry. Every vessel had steam blow-off cocks below the water line. No lights were shown on the vessel when at sea, and all vessels burned anthracite coal, which is comparatively smokeless, and cost from $18 to $20 a ton. No dogs or roosters were allowed on board ship. Officers and men, while running the blockade were always in their stocking feet.

"In running a blockade the leadsman is stationed in the main chains, the signal officer generally amidships with his signal boxes, the captain and pilot and two men at the wheel on the bridge and two men aft at the wheel, so in case the bridge is shot away they can unshackle the chains and steer the ship from the stern. All lights are extinguished. The land was generally made by the ship six to ten miles to the southward of the old inlet at Wilmington and about the same distance to the northward of the new inlet. The blockade was generally run from a quarter to half a mile off the coast and sometimes nearer. Military telegraph offices were stationed at intervals along the coast ten to fifteen miles to the south of the old inlet, and the same distance to the north of the new inlet, and by the signal officer aboard the blockade runner catching one of these telegraph stations with his signals communication was at once made with Fort Fisher and Fort Caswell to the effect that such a vessel with Captain so and so, giving his name, was in the act of running the blockade, and to look out for her and protect her, which was often done when the blockade runner was chased by the enemy.

The blockade was only run twice during the war, in Wilmington, in the day time. Once by the Gibraltar, the ex-Confederate war steamer Sumter, which was commanded by Captain Semmes, and which, by the way, was the first war vessel ever floated by the government. By a trick she succeeded in running it from the north'ard by hoisting the Federal flag. She ran down to the fleet, the Federals thinking she was a transport from the north. She had on board four 200-pound Whitworth guns and other munitions of war for Fort Sumter, Charleston Harbor and Fort Fisher. She got under the protection of Fort Fisher before the Federals discovered their error. The Will o' the Wisp, Captain Caper, owner and commander, succeeded, on another occasion, in running the blockade in day time. The captain was a Scotchman, and one day some of the blockade runners on the board of trade were guying him about the insignificant appearance of his vessel, which was small, but one of the best for speed in the port. She could make 18 knots an hour. They offered to bet him £10,000 against £5000 that he could not run the blockade in day time. He took them up. It was customary for blockade runners to load and run down and anchor at the mouth of Cape Fear river, under protection of our forts, and then make the blockade at night. The Federal fleet saw Will o' the Wisp coming down the river and supposed, of course she would anchor, but instead she shaped her course right through the fleet. They had nothing that could catch her. They fired two shots at her, one passing through her cabin above the water line and the other carrying away her flag staff. Captain Caper won his £10,000 and became the hero of the day.

"Showing the systematic manner in which the blockade was run, I remember the Virginia Importing and Exporting Company of Petersburg, Va., who owned a line of two fine ships named the City of Petersburg and the Old Dominion, which for over two years ran the blockade out of the port of Wilmington and port of St. George's, Bermuda, on regular schedule advertised time. Each of these ships cost $250,000 and after the war they were taken to Liverpool, Eng., and made a daily line between Liverpool, Eng., and the city of Dublin, Ireland.

"Many strange names were given to ships running the blockade. Among them was a line of three funnel boats belonging to a London blockade-running firm. These boats were christened Letter B, Letter Go, and Letter Rip. The first vessel in the business only made one voyage; she was christened Col. Lamb and was built to carry 15,000 bales of cotton. The war ended soon after she was built and put an end to her career as a blockade runner.

"One of the sad incidents in running the blockade was connected with a ship belonging to James H. Crenshaw, of Richmond, Va. His ship cleared in '63 for St. George's, Bermuda, and her pilot named Davis, had the yellow fever and was just recovering from it. The captain asked him if he would take the ship in. He replied that he would if it was the last ship he ever piloted. The night the ship made the coast he took a relapse and was carried on the bridge in a chair and successfully piloted the ship into port, and when the ship dropped anchor his spirit went aloft.

"Another distressing incident was when the Greyhound, Captain Beard, was running in the new inlet. She accidentally ran ashore. Mrs. Greenhow, who was so long kept a prisoner in her residence at Washington by the federal government and guarded by a negro, was a passenger on board this ship with her daughter. In stepping into the boat to go ashore, she made a misstep and was carried down by the weight of gold she had in two belts around her body. Her body was recovered next day.

"The Greyhound, in running the blockade out of Wilmington, was captured by the United States sloop of war Connecticut. Ensign Harding was put in command of her, with orders to take her to New York. She had as passengers Mr. Pollard, editor and proprietor of the Richmond Examiner, and the famous Belle Boyd.

"The confederate government built the first steel ships at Laird's yard in Liverpool, England, that were ever built. These were for the purpose of running the blockade, and were named the Owl, the Bat and the Wren. The Bat and the Wren were captured on their first or second voyage in runing the blockade. These ships were so fine that the Bat, after her capture by the federals, was fitted up and put in condition for a yacht for Mr. Lincoln, and was used for that purpose all through the war. The Owl, which was commanded by Capt. J. N. Moffett, was one of the most successful blockade runners of the war. After landing me with dispatches for the confederate government in January, 1865, at Lockwood's Folly (or Windy Hill), and not being able to find out whether Fort Fisher was captured, or whether or not Wilmington had fallen, Capt. Moffett undertook to ascertain this information himself. He ran in under Fort Fisher, which had fallen, and anchored with a hawser off Smithville. He sent the pilot ashore with orders, in case the Yankees were in possession, to bring Mrs. Moffett and their children and return to the ship. The pilot was ashore about ten minutes when he returned with the wife and children and reported that the enemy was in full possession. The men were standing by with tackle, and immediately hitched on to the boat and swung it aboard with its precious burden. Capt. Moffett had a man stationed at the bits, and as soon as all were safely on board passed the word to cut the hawser, which was done and the ship's head swung around and she stood out to sea. Three or four other blockade runners entering the port that night, unaware of the enemy's possession of the fort, were captured as they were in the act of drinking their wine while jollifying over the delusion of having run the blockade.

Capt. Moffett returned to St. George's, Bermuda, where he coaled up his ship and cleared for the port of Havana, Cuba, where he took in a cargo for the Trans-Mississippi department. Safely running the blockade into the port of Galveston, after discharging his cargo, he loaded up with a return cargo of cotton, which was the last cargo of cotton carried out of the port of Galveston during the war. He returned to Havana and laid there for some time, and was ordered to take the ship to Liverpool, England, which he did, and his vessel soon went to the bone yard. These blockade runners were useless as merchantmen, because they were too light—that is, their capacity was too small, and they consumed too much coal. They were speedy, and were soon out of the reach of any war vessel.

"In May, 1864, I was in command of the blockade runner Annie, a government vessel. One Saturday night fourteen of us attempted to run the blockade and twelve of us succeeded in getting in. I had forty boxes of lemons and ten boxes of oranges of the hospital, $80,000 in government gold, arms, bacon, pig lead, iron and valuable stores. In 1863, when a confederate was hard up for salt, a Capt. McMillan, of Charleston, S.C., ran a blockade to the port of Nassau, where he purchased a large fore-and-aft centreboard schooner and loaded her with salt, clearing her from the port of Nassau to the port of Baltimore, his purpose being, of course, to run the blockade in Charleston. Capt. McMillan kept two logs—a false log and a true log; his false log showed that he was between Cape Hatteras and Cape Henry when he was really off Charleston. He dropped both his anchors overboard, damaged his sails, and appeared much surprised when he sighted the federal fleet off Charleston. He appealed to the federal admiral for assistance. He, being a kind-hearted man, supplied him with anchors and sent a sail maker and his crew aboard and repaired his sails. Capt. McMillan spent two days with the federal fleet. When he went aboard the flagship he bade the admiral good-bye and thanked him for his kindness. The admiral offered to tow him to windward. This was what the captain didn't want, but he couldn't refuse it, so he was towed a short distance, when he got rid of the tug, hoisted his centreboard, and commenced drifting back into the fleet. As soon as he drifted as far as he thought safe, he dropped his centreboard and ran the blockade. After loading up with cotton he attempted to run the blockade out, but he was captured. The admiral said: 'I have got you now, my boy. You played me a sharp trick, but I will use you well. I will send you to New York.' And he did; he treated him well."—Galveston News.

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Steps have been taken toward putting a memorial tablet to Huxley in Westminster abbey, but it is thought unlikely that the authorities of the abbey will consent.

One Honest Man.

Dear Editor:—Please inform your readers, that if written to confidentially I will mail in a sealed letter, particulars of a genuine, honest home cure, by which I was permanently restored to health and manly vigor, after years of suffering from nervous debility, sexual weakness, night losses and weak shrunken parts. I was robbed and swindled by the quacks until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but thank heaven, I am now well, vigorous and strong, and wish to make this certain means of cure known to all sufferers. I have nothing to sell, and want no money, but being a firm believer in the universal brotherhood of man, I am desirous of helping the unfortunate to regain their health and happiness. Perfect secrecy assured. Address with stamp: —Mr. Edward Lambert, P. O. Box 55, Jarvis, Ont.

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	Daily	Sat'dy
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Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington	8.00	3 30
Ar. Nanaimo	11.40	6.38
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	Daily	Sat'dy
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Lv. Wellington for Victoria	8.20	3 30
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WEDNESDAYS—Same as Monday.

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Much credit is due Mr. Bennett for paying paid to the bank about $10,000, for loans which had been made upon his recommendation, but for which he was only morally responsible, though he had voluntarily secured them. This includes $5,000 borrowed by the late Paul Schulze. Receiver Flynn will leave to-morrow for Spokane.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

CHEMAINUS.

From our own correspondent.

On Monday, the 16th a gospel temperance meeting was held at the River school house, Chemainus, and in spite of the snow storm a fair gathering assembled. Rev. Mr. Miller in the chair. The Rev. John Leakey, Rev. E. Mannel, and Rev. Mr. Spencer and Mrs. McDiarmid gave adresses which seemed to be appreciated by the audience, several coming forward at the close to sign the total abstinence pledge.

McPHERSONS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

A very successful musical entertainment was held at McPherson's last Wednesday. In spite of rain over 50 people were present. Mrs. Dennis Harris, of Victoria, charmed the audience with her mandolin and songs, Mrs Maitland Dougall sang and also accompanied Mrs. Harris. Mrs. McDiarmid and Miss Crosier played two duets on the piano. A fine study on the violin was also rendered by Miss Crosier. Mr. Williams, of Koksilah, brought his guitar and delighted the audience with two comic songs. The proceeds were for the benefit of the new hall building fund.

NANAIMO.

From our own correspondent.

Nanaimo, Dec. 20.—Mayor Quennell has definitely decided to accept the nomination as a candidate for the mayoralty for the year 1896. He will be opposed by Ald. Davison, and will have very keen opposition.

Great damage was done to the telephone spstem yesterday by the heavy weight of snow. The wires were scattered promiscuously in every part of the city, and it will be a few days before the service is again in use.

The boys' school was formally closed yesterday for the Christmas holidays in the presence of a large number of the parents of the scholars.

It appears to be a difficult matter to get candidates for aldermanic honors at the approaching municipal. As yet the middle ward is poorly represented; only two candidates have come forward.

EXPECTED ASSASSINATION.

Christians in Jerusalem Would Fare Badly in a War with Turkey.

New York, Dec. 19.—Salama de Ghan, an Arabian of Brooklyn, has just received a letter from his sister in Jerusalem, telling of a threatened wholesale massacre in that place by the Turkish government. The letter says:

"If England goes to war with the Turks Christians here will be murdered by the Mohammedans. America is the best place in the world, but we cannot go there now as it is too late. We may all be killed in a few weeks. We are willing to die, though, for God's holy will. I am glad you are safe in America. Take care and don't come back here, as you will surely be killed. Mr. Wallace, the American consul, will soon go to the United States, and he would gladly take some of us along if he only dared. If we attempted to move from here the Turks would become suspicious and kill us."

Mr. De Ghan frequently takes parties on expeditions through the Holy Land and Egypt. He has become an American citizen, and for that reason fears he may lose his life if he returns to his native land. He has been in America at intervals amounting in all to a period of sixteen years. He was born in Ramoth, Gilead and when four years old his parents moved to Jerusalem. He was educated at Mount Zion in one of the English schools. He took a party through Palestine a few years ago. Mr. de Ghan declared he would take a party to the Holy Land the first part of January.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Benonio Tekiran, a prominent Armenian of this city, has received a telegram from a leading Armenian of Indianapolis saying that a young man claiming to be an Armenian is there delivering addresses and collecting money on behalf of the Armenian cause, and inquiring whether he is authorized to do so. President T. B. Khungian, of the Chicago branch of the Armenian Union, desires the Associated Press to say for him that no authority has been given for such collections, and that all funds for that purpose should be sent to Miss Clara Barton, president of the Red Cross Society at Washington City, or to Spencer Trask, treasurer of the Armenian relief fund committee, No. 27 Pine street, New York City.

COAL MINERS ON STRIKE.

5000 Men Out—A Coal Famine Almost Inevitable in Texas.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 20.—All the coal miners in the Indian territory went on a strike today. Telegrams received at the headquarters of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas road in this city, say others have stopped at Coal Gate, Lehigh, Briar creek, Krebs, Alderson, Hartshorn, and McAlester. These mines employ more than 500 men, and all are idle. Besides this number several hundred miners employed in individual mines have gone out. A coal famine is almost inevitable in Texas.

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Prof. Cesare Lombroso, who advises that children and youths of habitual criminal tendencies be isolated as lunatics, says there is scarcely a child who does not abuse its power over those who are weaker than he.

—A genuine ghost story has yet to be attested; but not so a genuine blood-purifier. Over and over again it has been proved that Ayer's Sarsparilla stands alone among medicines as the most reliable tonic alterative in pharmacy. It stood alone at the World's Fair.

By Book Post.

Our guide to Scottish modes of thought has been so beloved a one—Mr. James Matthew Barrie—that all other applicants for our tourist favor are judged by him. No one praises Mr. Crockett or Mr. Maclaren without the rider, "He is not as fine a writer as Mr. Barrie," or "I think he is almost up to Barrie" or a comparison with advantage over the pioneer. Unconsciously we have allowed this young man from Thrums to set up a standard for us to which we rigidly exact that others of Scotland's new writers shall reach.

It is hard upon Mr. Maclaren and Mr. Crockett that they can neither stand nor fall of themselves. But this is with his writing what the chronicler of Thrums has done.

Braun's have received the "Days of Auld Lang Syne," the latest of Mr. Ian Maclaren's books, and no doubt the beautiful "Brier Bush" edition will be found with Christmas greetings in many libraries. In the book we meet Drumtochty folk again and live over with them their hours of sorrow and joy; There are, Jamie, the cynic, (first in all hearts, I think,) grim Drumsheugh, noble Margaret Howe, poor Lily Grant, the servant lassie, the doctor of the old school, Burnbrae and Jean, his wife, the shrewd Hillocks, the Milton who was converted, the "posty," the parents of Professor Ross and others.

What a number of new friends on our list! It is pleasant to know that when we are tired of other people we have but to open this volume and we are straightaway in the best company. Mr. Maclaren is a faithful historian, but he is a very loving one. We are told of We are told of Drumtochty's failings, but in such wise that we love the faults and goodnes alike much as we care for everything about those who are dear to us, perhaps the more in that they are of like infirmity with ourselves.

There is little aggressive virtue in the Glen of Drumtochty. "There never lived a more modest or unassuming people, but the horse cowper that tried to play upon their simplicity did not boast afterwards and no one was ever known to grow rich on his dealings with Drumtochty. The genius of bargaining was, of course, seen to most advantage in the affairs of a lease. The two contracting parties were, of course, the factor, a man of shrewd experience, and on the other side a farmer whose wits had been sharpened by the Shorter Catechism since he was a boy, with the Glen as judges.

The longest sketch in the volume is "For Conscience Sake," an account of how the new factor, a sporting Englishman tried to force Burnbrae to abandon his religion from Free Kirk to Auld Kirk or lose his farm. The Glen assembled in the kirkyard much as Thrums assembled around the pump. It is to them Jamie speaks of the matter ending an eloquent burst against the factor with "no clean bluid in his veins * * * noo left wi' the poor o' life an' death ower fower parrishes while his lordship's awa' travellin' for his health * * * Ilka a man he's a richt tae his ain thochts an' is bund tae obey his conscience accordin' tae his lichts, an' gin the best man that ever lived is tae dictate oor religion to us, then oor fathers fought an' deed in sain."

It was certain that Burnbrae should never falter but make the choice for his church and his God 'that has been offered to every man since the world began," and he and Jean, his wife, through such agony of spirit as none but lofty souls can endure prepared to leave the home that had sheltered generations of their people to leave its associations, to leave its graves. Jean sorrow by their only daughter's grave—"Wae's me, wha will care for her grave when we're far awa an' no a Baxter left in the Glen? It's no lichtsome to leave the hoose whar we've lin't sae long, an' the fields ye've lookit at a' yir days, but it's sairest tae leave yir dead."

She looked down the Glen, her voice broke: "It's a bonny sicht, John, an' kindly tae oor eyes; we'll never see anither tae sateesfy oor auld age."

"A've seen nae ither a' ma days," said Burnbrae, "and there can be nain sae dear tae me in this warld; but it can be boucht ower, dear lass," and when she looked, "in 'oor souls, Jean, in 'oor souls.

When Burnbrae tells the factor one's indignation burns—

"By the way," says the Englishman, I suppose you've thought over that affair and will give your word to attend the established church, eh?"

"Ye may be sure that a've gien 'a ye ma best judgment an' there's I wudna do tae be left in Burnbrae, but this thing ye ask a' canna grant."

"Why not?" and the factor lounging in his chair eyed Burnbrae contemptously as he stood erect before him. "My guvnor tells me there is not a grain of difference between all these kirks in Scotland."

It is "lichtsome" indeed to know that the Baxters are left in Burnbrae. The minister of the Established Church or Auld Kirk, himself writes to the laird and the fool of a factor is dismissed. Drumheugh's secret is full of the pathos which moves to tears, but most pitiful of all isthe story of Lily Grant. None could read it unmoved. It is told so gently that one hardly realizes the scathing sarcasm of this as well as many parts of the work. Here it is directed against Lily's mistress, again against the factor, again against the temperance orators who come up from the south. The mirth is as in Barrie, interwoven with sorrow and is of a refined order; one rarely laughs even at Posty, but it is delightful reading.

The literary quality of "The Days of Auld Lang Syne" will endear it to all lover of good English. The narrative flows simply and welds a personal and impersonal flavor alike into the sayings and doings of Drumtochty, and the whole forming a finished bit of writing. It is a loveable book and one hopes that much more of the Glen folk is to come from Mr. Maclaren's pen.

There are some few good things in the volume with the damning title "Not Exactly," by E. M. Stooke. But otherwise it is a safe book to have in the library of a young ladies' seminary. The odd character in the book whom the villagers including himself, style "not exactly," a reflection being intended upon his mental capacity sums up the hero's character with a graphic grasp of salient characteristics:— Maister Adam 'aint nayther too tall nor yet too short: 'e ant wat I call particklerly good lookin,' 'cos he've got murfles (freckles) 'pon 'is face; an' ant w'at a man would reckon downright plain, 'cos he've got such an uncommon 'appy smile. He didn't work, 'cos there's no need for 'un to soil 'is ands, but a-rides out every day be't wet or vine, 'pon 'is 'unter—Nora. Sumtimes 'e dooes, a bit of vishin' in the river, an' 'cashionally 'e dooes a scat to gardenin'. But that's only when he's minded to, and not for no desire to plaise nobody else. If you want to daylight 'un you mus' crack up 'is 'oss and dugs. If you want ti 'vrint (affront) you mus' tell 'im you reckon he'll soon be bald. Pervidin'as you'd hev 'un wan go any wan place in pertickler, you must 'vize 'im strang to 'bide 'ome * * Th' young gentleman darives 'is hinkum from the vortin' 'is dade father left behind 'im * * * the vicar declares 'es "th' bes' fella' livin';" the village boys seys he's "th' bes' cricketer for twelve mile round;" and th' call 'im "th' bes' ketch in th' districk.".

The hero is nevertheless entrapped into various misfortunes before he is allowed to marry his lady love, the pretty governess at the vicarage. The humble pair of lovers are less interesting than that cheerful pair usually are.

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LOOKING FOR PENSIONS.

Some Small Jingoists Who Have An Eye To the Future.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—A meetting of the officers and members of the First infantry, Missouri National Guard, was held last night, and as a result Col. Edwin Boldorf, commanding, sent the following to President Cleveland: "The First infantry, National Guard of Missouri, is a firm believer in the Munroe doctrine, and America, North, South, East and West, for Americans, and its officers and men request their colonel to inform you, sir, that at the first call to arms the First Missouri will respond, 1000 strong."

New York, Dec. 20.—The officers of the Confederate veteran camp of New York, met in special executive session last night and unanimously adopted a resolution pledging themselves, in the event of war, to raise in New York and offer to the president a company of Confederate veterans to battle "For the honor of our country and the glory of our flag."

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When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
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Whereas the Certificate of Title of Richard James Smith to the above hereditaments, bearing date the 26th June, 1891, has been lost and application has been made for a duplicate of such certificate.

Notice is hereby given that such duplicate will be issued unless cause be shown to the contrary, in writing within one month from the date hereof.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Deputy Registrar General.

Land Registry Office,
Victoria, November 27th, 1895.

Notice.

All persons are hereby warned against dealing in any way with the bay gelding "Snohomish Boy," now supposed to be in the hands of Frank Adams.

TAM ELWELL.
Victoria, Dec. 10th, 1895. de10-1w

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Death is the Penalty for Supplying Opium to Japanese in Formosa.

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Rice Crop in Some Parts of the Oriental Countries a Complete Failure.

Owing to the fact that reports have reached him of Japanese acquiring the opium habit in Formosa, Admiral Kabayama, the commander-in-chief there, is reported by the Yomiuro to have issued orders that in future any native of the island caught furnishing opium or apparatus for smoking the same to a Japanese shall be punished with death.

With the object of aiding the development of Japanese navigation, the government has decided to pay an additional subsidy to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the company which intends running a line of steamers to Victoria, of 3,500,000 yen in aid of the Company's Australian and Bombay lines and the proposed line to Europe. According to a contemporary, two and a quarter million yen is the profit gained by this company from its government contracts during the past eighteen months. This sum the shareholders decided to use in extending their lines.

The Tientsin correspondent of the Mercury writes that Li Hung Chang is daily becoming more powerful with the Emperor, as he is supported in all his plans by the Russian, German, French and United States ministers, as well as by the Japanese envoy. It is daily expected that the edict ordering the building of the Peking-Tientsin railway will be issued.

The Russian fleet in eastern seas is, according to information received by the N. C. Daily News from Tokio, under orders to cruise between Corea and Japan and be ready for any emergency.

A Tokio daily notes that the Japanese are now being awakened to the importance of the trade with India. Commerce between Yokohama and India has increased very much since the Nippon Yusen Kaisha opened its line to Bombay, and Indian firms in Yokohama now number over 30. Mr. Go Daigoro, Japanese consul at Bombay, in a report on the commerce of India, expresses the opinion that it is almost useless to export pure Japanese goods to India. It is alleged that the consul recommends that Japanese producers should imitate European goods, for which there is a great demand in India, and import them at cheap price and with quick dispatch, so as to run in competition against European goods and clear them from the Indian market.

It is said to be one of the conditions of the Liao-tung retrocession treaty that the dockyard nad forts at Port Arthur shall be returned to China as they stand at present. It has been decided by the government that as soon as the official dispatch concerning the payment of the Liao-tung indemnity reaches Japan, orders will be issued for the withdrawal of the troops from the peninsula.

The second crop of paddy in the Foochcow and Min river districts of the province of Fuhkien is reported by the Foochow Echo of the 16th instant to be almost a complete failure, not more than a third of the average yield having been gathered in. To a long-continued drought in Fuhkien this unfortunate state of affairs is said to be wholly attributable.

Swarms of insects, a perfect pest, if we are to believe Haiphong exchanges, are ruining our rice crops in upper Tonkin. These pests devour the whole plant and have already caused serious loss to the Tonkin peasantry.

It is said by the Kobe Herald that the cost of the proposed increase of the Japanese army is about 120,000,000 yen, which amount the diet will be asked to provide as a continuing expenditure fund for six years. The fund will be devoted to the extension of present establishments and the construction of proposed new establishments.

The Japanese press reports that the contract for the supply of the submarine cable to the length of 504 nautical miles, to be laid between Japan and Formosa, was given on the first instant to the Okuragumi for £65,080.

There is reason to believe that the coming rice crop in Siam will be far better than was expected earlier in the year. The few heavy showers at the end of October proved highly beneficial to the crops and a little more rain would further enhance this good effect. The garden rice is said to be in a very satisfactory condition, while field rice might be a little better. Taken altogether the prospects of the coming crop have raised the hopes of local dealers. Several new rice mills are going up, and, says the Free Press, by the end of the year there will be nearly thirty mills in Bangkok. And as there is not work for so many we may expect them to work only three or four months in the year. Surely rice dealing must be a very profitable undertaking when mills are run up with the understanding that they will remain idle eight or nine months out of the year.

THE COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY

The Senate Is Opposed to the House Venezuela Resolution.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The Post today says: The resolution which the house passed yesterday with unanimity, providing for the committee to Venezuela in view of the recommendation of the President, will be laid before the senate to-day. Contrary to the general expectation it will not be passed by that body. In addition to this the resolution prepared by the house for adjournment for the holiday recess to begin next Friday will not be agreed to by the senate. Congress will be in session until Tuesday, at the present outlook, and it may be until even a day later. The reasons given for its failing to pass promptly are that the Republican senators and many of the Democrats are opposed to giving the President all power which would be invested in him by the resolution. It will be insisted, says the Post, that the committee shall be nominated and confirmed by the senate, instead of having them named by the President without any check upon his selection. In addition to this, the point was made in the caucus yesterday that there was in the house resolution no limitation as to the time when the commissioners should report, and this was felt to be an oversight which should be remedied.

GRATIFYING INTELLIGENCE.

New South Wales Renews the Subsidy to the Australian Line.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The gratifying intelligence has been received by the premier that the parliament of New South Wales has renewed for three years the subsidy to the direct Canadian Australian steamship line, of which Mr Huddart is manager. The government fully recognize the royal co-operation which the sister colony has given to this service. Canada desires to give permanence to it, and this action of New South Wales certainly tends in that direction.

U. S. BATTLE SHIP STRENGTH.

Shipbuilder Cramp Compares the President's Message and the Navy.

New York, Dec. 20.—A local paper prints an interview from Washington with Charles H. Cramp, the head of the ship building firm, on the subject of a war with Great Britain growing out of the President's attitude on the Venezuelan question. Mr. Cramp does not think there will we any immediate order for new vessels, for he says those ordered now would hardly be available if needed soon, as it takes at least two years to build a battle ship. He said:

"The President's message is just as strong as it represents the national strength on sea. Without a single battleship it would be weak and beneath notice; with one such vessel it would demand some attention, and so on until the number increases until, if backed up by twenty, it would be unanswerable. Now what is the United States' strength as to battle ships? There are available, or will be in a few months, four of the first class—the Indiana, Massachusetts, Iowa and Oregon, and there are the Texas and the Maine, of the second class, the Monterey, which has demonstrated her ability to go on sea cruises; the Miantomah, which is smaller than the Monterey, and the Amphitrite, of the monitor class. There are the Terror, the Puritan, and the Monadnock. With this showing, it can be seen what strength the President's message has."

When asked how long it would take to transfer those greyhounds of America to war vessels, as stipulated in the mail contract, Mr. Cramp said they could be made ready in a couple of weeks, but that he does not think they would be much use in a naval battle, but would be of service as commerce destroyers. The Cramps have now in their yard the Massachusetts, a first class battle ship, which was reported to the navy yard on December 1 as 95 per cent. near completion, so it would not take long to finish her; the Iowa, a first class battle ship, reported as 50 per cent. near completion, and the Brooklyn, an armoured cruiser, 64 per cent. near completion.

—You have heard of Waltham, Elgin, Hampden and other makers of watches. You all have your opinion as to which are best. I have them all from $5, at S. A. Stoddart's, 68 Yates street.

—Walter H. Powell, eldest son of Walter Powell, manager of the San Francisco branch of the Bank of British Columbia, died this morning at his home in Berkeley. Deceased was a native of Victoria and was a grandson of William Denny of this city. He was in his twenty-first year and had just graduated from the Cooper Medical college of San Francisco. He took a prominent part in athletics while a student at the University of California and was very popular among a large circle of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Powell have the deep sympathy of their many Victoria friends in their bereavement.

PASSENGERS.

Per Steamer Rosalie from the Sound—Mrs E Grober, Miss Grober, F Kramer, F W Biddwell, L A Wolff, Mrs Scott, J W Todd, W J Jones.

Per steamer Sehome from the Sound.—Mrs Lecker, T Congor, F Morris, A Abrams, J Johnson, T Steborn, Jno Strong, M Cummerford, E W Flitton, E T Hilson, R S Huck, Miss Cadwell, Geo Clarke, Jno Friday, Capt. Griffiths.

Per steamer Islander from Vancouver—J J Connolly, C F Switzer, M P Agnes, A Bang, Miss White, J S Fagan, Dan Campbell, W J Cline, E H Fletcher, A C Ryals, G C Dutcher, R V Winch, Miss Newlin, J W Morris, J H Bartin, P Egan, Mrs C E Fox, W H Carter, Jno B Hagan.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer Sehome from the Sound.—S Leiser & Co, Steve Barbara, Brackman & Ker.

Per Steamer Rosalie from the Sound—Wm Dodds, M & L Young, Perry & Turner, Shallcross & Macaulay.

BIRTH.

HARRIS—On the 19th inst., the wife of Henry Harris, of a son.

—The sweet little "Nellie Bly" lamps are sure to sell quickly; they are pretty cheap and good. Weiler Bros. *

FLAGSHIP RETURNS.

H. M. S. Royal Arthur Could Not Find the Disabled Steamer Strathnevis.

She Returns to Esquimalt Very Much Earlier Than Was Expected.

It was expected that the Royal Arthur would remain out until late in the month, and consequently much surprise was expressed at her early return. Those seen could give no reason for this further than that a certain radius had been searched and it was decided to return to port. Very rough weather was experienced throughout the trip.

H. M. S. Royal Arthur, which left on Sunday morning to search for the disabled steamer Strathnevis, returned to Esquimalt rather unexpectedly to-day, giving rise to a rumor that something had happened to her. A Times representative boarded the ship, but the officers refused to be seen and the men said they could say nothing about the trip.

From those who came ashore, however, it was learned that nothing had been seen of the Strathnevis, but that the officers were of opinion that she is still afloat. Before going out they calculated, from the logs of the vessels recently arriving, about the position the disabled vessel should occupy. Since then the prevailing winds have changed, and the officers think the vessel is now further north than calculated. The Royal Arthur cruised between 48 and 50 north latitude, and went as far west as 134; or nearly 500 miles from Cape Flattery. She steamed at about 10 knots and hour and was going both night and day. Parallel courses, 20 miles apart, were run. A crow's nest was placed 107 feet above the water, so that the lookout man could see fifteen miles in any direction. At night the flagship's powerful searchlight, which can be seen thirty miles off, was used. Despite all the care, nothing could be seen of the Strathnevis, and the flag ship returned to port.

REBELLION IN HAWAII.

Authorities Arrest Some Persons for Conspiracy Against the Government.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Steamer Alameda, from Honolulu, brings news dated December 12, that three days earlier W. J. Sheridan and Dr. James Underwood were arrested, charged with conspiring to overthrow the government, and the authorities claim that these men came to Hawaii for the purpose of inciting revolt. They visited different islands of the group stirring up trouble and inciting feelings against the government. They were laying plans which it is believed would have proved serious, but for their detection. Several local parties were believed to be in the conspiracy. It was arranged to make the government guns useless by bribing the soldiers. Underwood is believed to be the man who advertised in San Francisco papers for fighting men. It is believed the rebellion has been quashed by the arrest of the ringleaders.

Richard P. Bickrton, associate justice of the supreme court is dead. Wm. R. Castle, ex-minister to Washington City, is named as his successor. A son and daughter of Judge Bickerton reside in Seattle.

A SLUMP AMONG STOCKS.

The Stock Market Unexpectedly and Wildly Excited—Several Failures.

New York, Dec. 20.—The stock market was wildly excited to-day. The break-away came to meet people in the street as a total surprise, as nothing was in sight over night to portend any extraordinary developments. Before opening this morning, however, matters began to assume questionable shape, in the judgment of Wall street veterans. The first quotations received for American securities from London created a sensation, and prepared bankers and brokers for a stormy day. Prices recorded show declines extending five per cent., and the London market was reported decidedly "ragged." Each succeeding cable indicated still lower prices, and it was finally reported that many jobbers on the London stock exchange had refused to accept orders.

London, Dec. 20.—Holders of American securities did not cease their endeavors to realize for a minute all day long. War between Great Britain and the United States is not expected, but on the stock exchange it is regarded as certain that the message of President Cleveland to congress on the Venezuelan question will cause disastrous disorganization of the money market in America. All lines were affected in sympathy, and the market closed very heavy.

Several large American stock brokers went down in the crash.

MAKES BURNS PAINLESS.

Discovery That a Solution of Picric Acid Will Ease a Flesh Wound.

The suffering caused by a burn upon the skin, whether small or great, is intense, as every one knows, and medical science has only been able, thus far, to palliate, but not to remove the pain entirely. Chance led to the discovery in the Paris Hospital the other day of a remedy which, it is claimed, will cause burns to cease from being painful as soon as it is applied, and which will cause the injured flesh to heal with marvelous rapidity.

One of the surgeons was in the habit of using picric acid as an antiseptic, and his hands were, therefore, impregnated with the solution. One day, in lighting a cigarette, a portion of the burning match fell upon the hand, but instead of feeling it he noticed not the slightest pain. A short time afterwards, while sealing a letter, some burning wax stuck to his finger, and though it cauterized the skin, he felt no sensation. This set him to thinking, and he arrived at the conclusion that the acid, to use his own words, "acted upon the tissues and tightened them."

He began a series of experiments in treating burns with a saturated solution of picric acid. "All pain was instantly suppressed," he says in his report, "after bathing the wound in a solution of this acid. Blisters did not form, and a cure was effected after four or five days. The only inconvenience was that the acid, which is commercially used in the manufacture of dyes, colored the skin yellow, but these stains rapidly disappeared when washed with boric acid. Picric acid, moreover, is odorless, and is neither caustic, irritating nor toxic in its effects."

The cheapness of picric acid and the ease with which a proper solution of it may be prepared and kept ready have induced many of the large manufactories about Paris, whose workmen are frequently burned at their labors, to place jars about within easy reach, so that those injured may be treated with as little delay as possible.

How to Get "Sunlight" Books.

Send 12 "Sunlight" Soap wrappers to Lever Bros., Ltd., 23 Scott St., Toronto, who will send post-paid a paper-bound book, 160 pages. For 6 "Lifebuoy" Carbolic Soap wrappers, a similar book will be sent. This is a special opportunity to obtain good reading. Send your name and address written carefully. Remember "Sunlight" sells at six cents per twin-bar, and "Lifebuoy" at 10 cents. One cent postage will bring your wrappers by leaving the ends open.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

Events of Interest in the Amateur and Professional Field.

FOOTBALL.

Seattle, Wn., Dec. 20.—At the meeting of the protest committee of the Pacific Northwest association last night, in the investigation of charges against players of the Seattle football team, by the Port Townsend club, some sensational evidence was presented in the form of a letter from Cadet M. J. McCormack, of the U. S. S. Philadelphia, who umpired the game. McCormack says he ruled two Townsend players off the field for the most brutal slugging and cowardly playing he had ever seen on a football field. The investigation will be continued to-morrow night.

The England v. Colonies Rugby match at Caledonia Park to-morrow afternoon, will bring together on the football field two of the strongest teams ever seen in Victoria, and the game will be a fast and furious one from start to finish. At the last trial of strength the result was a draw, after as even a game as one would see in a season's play, and though it seems to be the prevalent opinion that the England team is the stronger of the two, many veterans predict a victory for the Colonies to-morrow; arguing that the infusion of young players will offset the knowledge of the game possessed by the older heads. Be the result what it may, the match will be well worth witnessing, and a big attendance is assured.

ASSOCIATION GAME.

If the weather permits, a game of association football will be played at Beacon Hill to-morrow afternoon between teams from the Y. M. C. A. and the Junior Wanderers. On the 28th inst. the Y. M. C. A. team will meet the Nanaimo Swifts at the Caledonia grounds. This will be the opening game in the cup competition.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—The Thistle and the Assiniboine curling clubs played the first preliminary bonspiel game last evening, nine rinks from each club competing for district medals. The Thistles won by 12 points. The winners must play the Granites ten rinks a side.

—Always ask for Okell & Morris' jams and jellies.

Capt. Alfred Sanford, of St. Louis, who is seventy-three years old, and whom the authorities sent to the poor house last week, was the boyhood friend and playmate of Ulysses S. Grant.

Alfred Rothschild keeps seven chefs, one of whom has nothing to do beyond making curries. Rothschild rarely dines away from home, frankly declaring that he prefers his own table to any other.

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